



# *A time for Change*

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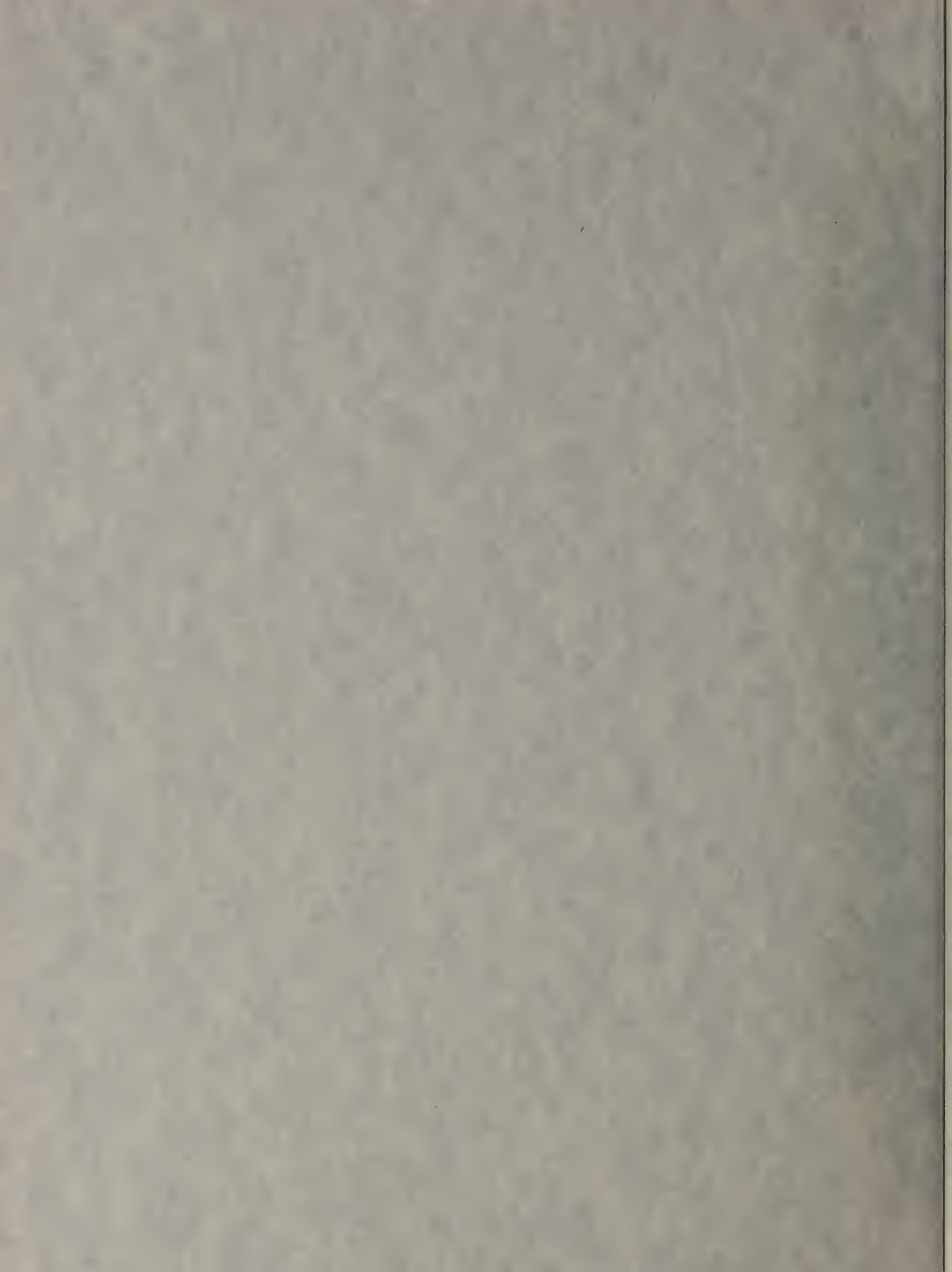




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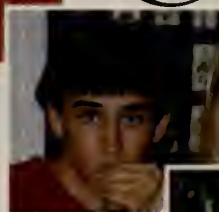
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# CHANGING



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The football team members cheer each other on to build spirit at the Fall Pep Rally.



Senior class President, Miki Sanchez, announces the theme dance at the 1995 Homecoming.



Cedric Manning leads fellow drummers during half-time at the Homecoming game

Senior Homecoming attendants, Sean Evans and Claudia Rente, accept flowers from a loyal fan at the Homecoming parade





*A new attendance policy? A new Vice Principal? A new coat of paint for a stairwell? Sophomores taking AP Government? When we arrived back at school in September, we had to wonder if the school had any other changes to spring on us. Would Mr. Wyatt be teaching European History and Mrs. Leeb be teaching everyone about the Constitutional Convention? Would we find out that we actually liked the cafeteria food? Would underclassmen be allowed to go off campus for lunch?! (Well, maybe that wouldn't be such a change...). Maybe not, but the 1995-1996 school year was definitely a time for change for the venerable Generals. W-L may be the oldest school in the county, but it is definitely not the least static. The students have changed, the building has changed, the predominating ideas have changed. Washington-Lee has had to find its constants in the faces of the teachers and administrators, who have been the school's foundation through its development. Dr. Sharbaugh has been at W-L since the old school was torn down, and class after class of Generals have fought through the challenging courses offered by veteran teachers Tim Wyatt, Peggy Jeens, and John Harocopos; all beloved members of the Washington-Lee faculty. But even the faculty has changed: this year alone the new Vice Principal, as well as a German teacher, and several other*

*The last few years, we've seen a tuted. We've seen the end of the ing. We've seen quite a few changes. probably aware of the long list of hit W-L this year. The new atten- major change announced: stu- sented with it in their first day school will be offering international year; many Sophomores opted not 10th grade classes, instead taking paratory courses. Choeun Hem suddenly found herself to be the only Sophomore in a Senior AP Government class. Many other students were faced with similar daunting prospects, but all handled the changes well.*



*But even the fac- W-L gained Mrs. Cruz, new Latin teacher, a new new staff members. new dress code insti- Senior parking lot paint- Still, few students were changes which would dance policy was the first dents were formally pre- packets. Because the Baccalaureate class next to take the traditional what amount to IB pre-*

*Homecoming week brought a welcome change (at least for the class of 1996) with the SENIOR SWEEP of the float, hall, and spirit link contests. Perhaps the Seniors had an inside track on the yearbook theme, or maybe they just sensed the general mood of the school; either way their hall theme, "General Flashback: '96-69," depicting the changes across that time period, was a fitting one. On the Homecoming game day, students had to show just how adaptable they were. Inclement weather caused the traditional Friday night game to be moved to Saturday, so that it ended barely a half hour before the dance began. Still, students dealt well with the changes, and the dance was a success.*

*For every big change at W-L this year, there have been a dozen other little ones. Perhaps what makes the W-L generals so remarkable is that, even with all the change, they don't get lost, bogged down, or confused. Instead, like their namesakes, they just keep advancing. And so, in honor of W-L's traditions of change, we felt it only fitting that the yearbook keep pace. So whether you are reading this on your own or with friends, we hope you'll take a moment to reflect on how the book has changed. And while you are at it, stop and think about what this year has meant: we hope you will always remember this time for change.*





Kristy Clark shows her class spirit with her creative costume for the Senior float.



Manuela Vallejo takes a moment from decorating the Junior Hall to show off what she's done.



Students and teachers listen attentively as they await the O.J. verdict.







The football team members get energized before they re-enter the game



Chris Walker's playing number is so hot. He's smokin' at the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Mrs. Jeans graciously accepts this fruit basket which was given to her in honor of her being selected teacher of the year.











*There is something magical about fall. It is cool, crisp, and beautiful. It means bonfires and football games, Halloween and Spirit Week. It also means going back to school. For most students, it is quite an adjustment to go from relaxed summer days (or not so relaxed if they worked) to the hustle and bustle of a new school year. It is still warm outside, and shorts seem more appropriate than the clothes in the back-to-school catalogues (even if the county keeps the classrooms at 50 below).*

*This year, fall meant quite a few changes for the Generals. Although the new attendance policy had not yet kicked in, test runs meant that students could no longer be late to class. Often a tardy meant that students were not three minutes, but ten or fifteen minutes late. The new policy, in effect, ended a tradition held dear by Mrs. Jeens, one which all her students over the years have known well: the infamous "ready, aim, shame.....!" Some students questioned the wisdom of the new policy, and as many students have stated, "what is the sense in having a student who is normally three minutes late on a Monday morning be twenty minutes late--or more--if the printer runs out of paper?"*

*A fresh coat of paint made the school sparkle for the visit by members of the International Baccalaureate Committee. A new display in the entry hall by the Campbell Gymnasium showed how diverse a school Washington-Lee really is. With students from 55 countries around the world, the faces of the students this year were far more diverse than those of the students from even fifteen years ago, when the school was still dominantly caucasian. As Mrs. Osso said at the United Nations Day Assembly, "...we [W-L] really are a small world."*

*Homecoming week meant one very definite change: SENIOR SWEEP. It is the first time in many years (more years than certain venerable teachers can even remember) that any one class had swept the Homecoming competition. The seniors took first in the traditional hall and float contests, and also won the new Spirit Link contest, earning \$250 for their class. "The money," said Senior class president Micki Sanchez, "will definitely help in paying for senior expenses, including Prom, the boat trip and other graduation-related activities."*

*For the freshmen, fall meant a brand new school with a lot of challenges. For the sophomores, it meant looking forward to no longer being the low men on the totem pole. For the juniors, fall meant finally being an upperclassmen. For the seniors it meant getting into gear and planning their futures, college bound or otherwise. For everyone, it meant getting adjusted, finding a place, and working through his or her own personal time for change.*



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# Student Life





A large, vibrant collage of numerous small photographs featuring students in various settings, including formal events, casual gatherings, and a mascot. The collage is titled "1995-1996" in large, stylized black letters at the top left. A sign in the lower-left corner reads "FOR THOSE INTERESTED THE SPANISH LANGUAGE (CULTURE)". The photos show students in formal wear, casual attire, and a mascot, capturing a wide range of school activities and student life.





# Generals vs. Raiders

October 28, 1995...  
A Homecoming to remember!

Homecoming '95 could not have been more special. This Homecoming was one of the best, even though the Generals did not succeed in winning their game. Despite the loss to Stuart and the disappointment of the game being postponed to Saturday, Washington-Lee had a successful Homecoming. The saying "Seniors Rule" was actually true. The Seniors for the first time ever had a clean sweep.

The Seniors came in first in Hall decorating, Float, and Spirit links. That is a hard mark to follow.

People sat in marvel at how beautiful and handsome the Homecoming attendants looked. After the announcement only **Tony Stanley** and **Emma Brown** came out on top as King and Queen of Homecoming '95. After a long afternoon of celebration came the marvelous dance.

-Raymond Lee



Niki Pfoutz enjoys a laugh at Homecoming with a friend.



Lynn Odiew was pumped and excited for a Washington-Lee win.



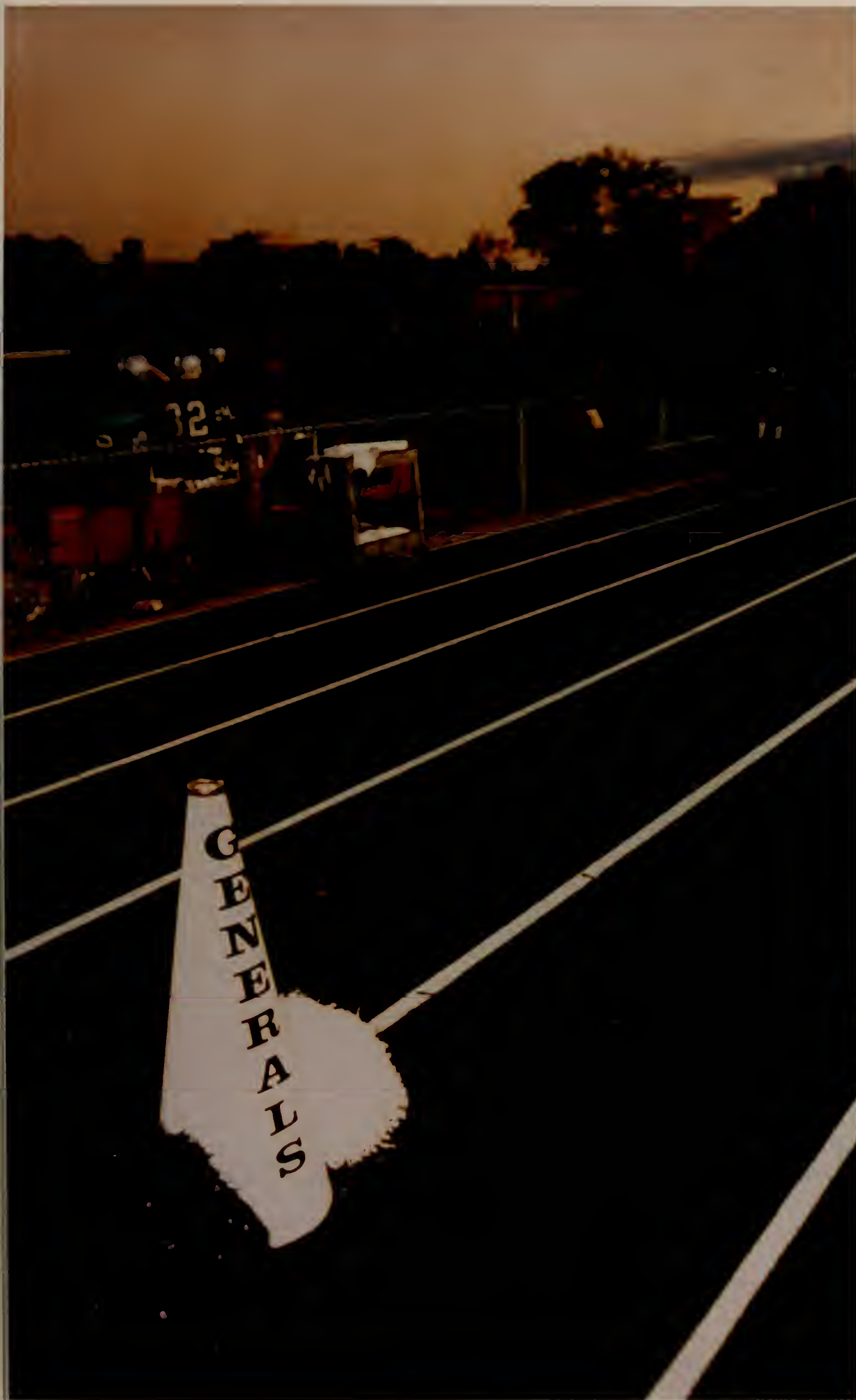
Litzi Paredes and Eric Calhoun applaud after the announcement of the 1995 Homecoming Queen.



Chris Walker and Elliot Schaefer run back to the locker room after a long first half.







What a perfect day for a great Washington-Lee Homecoming



**Manuela Vallejo** shows her date the moves at the Homecoming dance.

A sophomore band member shows his spirit by playing his trumpet for the Washington-Lee team.





**Laura Hartman**, as Florence , has a look of sheer surprise!

**Christina Alicea and Laura Hartman** put on a great show of human emotions.



**Tim Olson**, just doesn't know what to do!







**Amy Barrett**, as Ethel (Mrs. Savage), gives her crazed woman stare. What could be the problem?

These young actors do a fantastic job of making the audience become part of the story.



**Micah Utt** stands prepared to give his next line



## *"The Curious Savage"*

The 1995 fall play was a big hit for the drama department!



**Kerrie Salazar** and **Amy Barrett** smile cheerfully at a fantastic performance.

The fall play for 1995 was an entertaining and fanciful comedy which lit up the stage and left the audience laughing. "The Curious Savage," by John Patrick, was a humorous tale about a rich widow who has been left one hundred million dollars. Her stepchildren try to stop her efforts to establish a philanthropic memorial fund for her husband by committing her to a sanatorium. The self-seeking stepchildren are driven to distraction in their vain efforts to brow beat Mrs. Savage. Along with her new friends, she leads them on a merry chase.

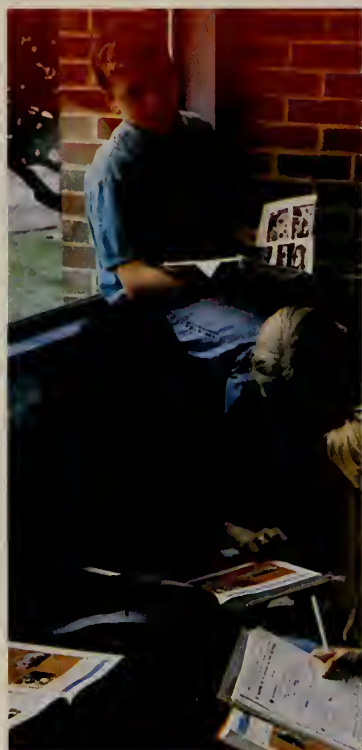
The cast was a mix of old and new. Seniors **Laura Hartman**, **Nicole Lewis**, and **Amy Barrett** were balanced by several freshmen. **Amy Barrett**, as Mrs. Savage, played the role to the hilt. **Laura Hartman**, appearing in her fourth W-L play said, "It was odd this year, with the "big stars" of the past gone. I think it really allowed us to pull together successfully. We really meshed as a group, and I think it showed." The result was a mood of high comedy and an enjoyable evening for all.





**Matt Garcia** finds time to take a quick nap in the middle of his seventh period class.

Seniors **Amanda Hildt** and **Laura Hartman** enjoy their AP Biology class as they peer into a microscope.



These foreign language students find german is easier in a group.







School's over for these juniors. They're outta' here!



These sophomores enjoy their 45 minute lunch break.



Everyday is a genuine learning experience in **Mr. McNamara's** class.



These Thespians practice their lines diligently in Mrs. Filpi's drama class.

## A General Day...

"A day at Washington-Lee is a day like no other!"

-Raymond Lee

It's 7:45 a.m. and you're sitting in your first period class wondering how you are going to make it through the next six periods of class. Already you're dozing off, as the teacher's voice and the chitter chatter around you silences into a deep monotone sound. Ding, Ding, Ding, the sound of the 8:20 bell... Off to second period, where you continue the same sleepy cycle.

You shrugged it off as just having boring classes, with boring teachers. However, most teachers would argue that students just don't get

enough sleep. When **Mr. Walden** was asked how he deals with those "dozer offers" in class he exclaimed, "I make them lift their sleepy heads off the desk and listen to my educational lecture!"

So how should we address the problems of sleepy students in class? When **Dhruv Sharma** was asked what would be a good way to force students to come to school awake and ready to learn, his reply was, "School could start at 6:00 a.m., forcing students to go to bed earlier, like around 8:00 p.m." So according to **Dhruv** we should go to bed earlier.













**Nisha Maria Abreu**

Key Club 9,10,11,12; DECA 12; LASA 11,12;  
International Club 9,10,11,12; Spanish Honor  
Society 11,12; Spanish Club 9,10,11,12; JV  
Soccer 11; Co-op 12; Welcome to W-L Club  
11,12

**Ruby Zahiyah Afram "Ruza"**

Key Club 9,10,( Pres) 11&12; Blue and Gray 11  
(Organizations Editor) ,12 (Co-editor-in-Chief);  
"Gravitation cannot be held responsible for  
people falling in love" -- Albert Einstein

**Ryan Agnew**

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of  
this world, but be transformed by the renewing  
of your mind. Then you will be able to test and  
approve what God's will is" --Romans 12:2

**Toribio Aguilar****Hela Aliou****Fanny Alvarado****Iris Alvarenga****Cassandra N. Anderson**

DECA 10,11,12; Softball 9,10; Cheerleading 9;  
Choir 11; Chorus 9  
"Okay I love you. Bye Bye" -- Wendy  
Animaniacs

**Alberto Reiner Angulo**

Football 9,10,11,(Captain) 12; BSC 9,10,11,12;  
Basketball 9,10

"Make sure you count your money real slow, be  
alert, look alive, and act like you know" -- The  
Abstract

**Batbaatar Badangiin****Chris "Bart" Bailey**

Technical Theater 10,11,12; Sound Crew  
11,(Chief) 12

"I'm standing all alone out in the pouring rain  
and though it isn't like me to complain, I think  
I'm getting used to it."

-- Boingo

**Aimee Lauren Barber**

Environmental Club 9,10; Crew 9,10,11; Swim  
Team 9,10; Field Hockey 10,11,12; Softball  
11,12; Yearbook (Student Life Editor) 11&12

"Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and  
remember what peace there may be in silence"

-- Desiderata

**Amy Kathleen Barrett**

Crew 9; Thespians 9,10,11,12; "The  
Outsiders"; "The Butler Did It"; "Girl Crazy";  
"The Curious Savage"; "The Music Man";  
Environmental Club 11,12

"Don't let the days go by. I could've done it,  
but I just didn't try"

**Jorge Barrera****Rui Barros**

Newspaper 11,12  
"Check out my socks"







**Roxanne Beecher**



**Mikias Bekele**

African Awareness Club 12, Soccer 10, 11  
"I leave all my books and good grades to all the Ethiopian students of the class of '97"



**Jean-Max Belot**



**Boris Benitez**

Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, (Capt.) 12  
"So say goodnight to the bad guy, cause it's the last time you gonna see a bad guy like this again, let me tell ya -- Antonio Montana"



**Valerie L. Bernardo**

FBLA 9, SCA 11, Welcome to W-L Club 12, DECA 12, Class Senator 11, (Secretary) 12, Spanish Honor Society 12, Wrestling Manager 9, Athletic Trainer 10, Softball 9, 10, 11, (Co-Capt.) 12, Cheerleading 11 (Co-Capt.) 12, Girls Tennis 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, Honor Roll 9, 10, 12



**Leslie Ann Billings**

Crew 9, 10, 11, (Co-Capt.) 12, Indoor Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Field Hockey 9, 10, German Club (Sec.) 9, (Tres.) 12, Social Studies Honor Society 10, 11, 12



**David Blanco**

Crew 9, 10, 11, 12,  
"Hey, it's all Kool and the gang" -- Jules



**Daniel Anthony Bolden**

Tutor 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 12, DECA 12, African Awareness Society 12, Spanish Honor Society 12, Social Studies Honor Society 11, 12  
"Shicaca!" -- Ace Ventura



**Carlos Bonilla**



**Jose Bonilla**



**Lenin Bonilla**



**Wendy Bonilla**



**Bryson Bort**

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, Indoor Track 10, 11 (Capt.) 12, Outdoor Track 9, 10, 11, 12, NHS 10, 11, 12, Social Studies Honor Society 11, 12, Chess Club 12, Juggling Club 12



**Alina Boutah**

French Honor Society 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 9, 10, 11, (Tres.) 12, International Club 10, 11, (Public Relations) 12, Juggling Club 12,  
"How can there be a winner when winning means that someone else is losing?"



**Emma Strickland Brown**

"I know not whether I was then a man dreaming I was a butterfly or whether I am now a butterfly dreaming I am a man" -- Chuang Tse





# 1996 Senior Poll

## *Favorite Movie:*

- #1 *Pulp Fiction*
- #2 *Seven*
- #3 *Ace Ventura*

## *Favorite Actor:*

- #1 *Brad Pitt*
- #2 *John Travolta*
- Tom Hanks*
- #3 *Antonio Banderas*

## *Favorite Actress:*

- #1 *Sandra Bullock*
- #2 *Meg Ryan*
- #3 *Demi Moore*
- #4 *Jodie Foster*

## *Favorite Clothing Store:*

- #1 *Goodwill*
- #2 *The Gap*
- #3 *Old Navy*
- Macy's*

## *Favorite Band:*

- #1 *Dave Matthews Band*
- #2 *Led Zeppelin*
- #3 *Boyz II Men*
- Blues Traveler*
- Bone Thugs-n-Harmony*
- Nine Inch Nails*



Seniors enjoy hanging out during hall decorations.

**Maria Hernandez** enjoys going to her friend's house.



**Christine Stewart** enjoys her favorite class, Psychology.







### *Favorite Class:*

- #1 *Psychology*
- #2 *Government*
- #3 *Art*
- #4 *English*

### *Favorite Teacher:*

- #1 *Wyatt*
- #2 *Grove*
- #3 *Walden*
- #4 *Nestor*

### *Favorite Hangout:*

- #1 *My House*
- #2 *Vania's House*
- #3 *Friend's House*

### *Favorite Way to Relax:*

- #1 *Sleep*
- #2 *Chill with Friends*
- #3 *Listen to Music*

### *Favorite Sport:*

- #1 *Basketball*
- #2 *Soccer*
- #3 *Football*
- #4 *Crew*

### *Favorite Eating Place:*

- #1 *Wendy's*
- #2 *Rio Grande*
- #3 *McDonald's*
- #4 *Outback Steakhouse*



Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Grove are definitely W-L's favorite teachers.

All these girls agree that Brad Pitt is their favorite actor.

Leticia Covarrubias and Litz Paredes like to relax by chilling with their friends.





**Eric Bryant****Tu-Anh Bui**

Key Club 9,10,(Vice President) 11,12; International Club 10,11,(Treasurer) 12; Spanish Honor Society (Publicity Manager) 11,(President) 12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Social Studies Honor Society 10,11,12; Peer Mediator 12; Science Research Club (Vice-President) 10

"To see the world in a grain of sand or heaven in a flower hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour" -- William Blake

**Eric Calhoun**

"Who can stop what must arrive now? Something new is waiting to be born."  
-- Jerry Garcia

**Kara Campbell**

Basketball 9,10,11,12; Softball 9, (Capt.) 10,11&12; Field Hockey 11, (Capt.) 12; Welcome to W-L Club 11,12; French Club 11; African Awareness Club 9,10; Madrigals 11; Orchestra 11,12

"If you try as hard as you can, you will be surprised at what you can accomplish"

**Sonia M. Campos****David Canales****Veronica Cantor****Sierra Casillas**

"I hope I never ridicule what is wise or good. Folks and nonsense, whims and inconsistencies do divert me, I own, and I laugh at them whenever I can." -- Elizabeth Bennet

**Rodolfo Castro****Suzanne Caza**

Athletic Trainer (Head Student Trainer) 11, 12 ; Wrestling Manager 12; DECA 11,12

"I wish my sister the best of luck at W-L and I hope she has as much fun as I did."

**Liana Chanchan****Chalin Charoenpanich****Andre Victor Chautard**

Crossed Sabres 9,10, (Feature Editor) 11, (Co-Editor-in Chief) 12; Key Club 9,10, (Sec.) 11, (V-Pres.) 12; Honor Roll 9,10,11,12; Blue and Gray 12; Penman (Non-Fiction Editor) 12

"My fellow graduates, the answer is... I don't know."  
-- Lelana Pierce (Winona Ryder) in "Reality Bites"

**Jose Chevez****Sandhya Chopra**

Freshman Basketball 9; FBLA (Tres.) 10; DECA 10,11,12; International Club 10,11,12; SADD 11,12; Spanish Club 11,12; Welcome to W-L Club 12; Advisory Committee School Board 12; International Night 10,11,12; Fashion Show 10,12







**Kristy Renee Clark**  
 Gymnastics 9,10, Crew 10,11, JV Cheerleading (Captain) 10, Photography Club 11, Ski Club 10, (Vice President) 12, Environmental Club 12  
 "The Earth, like the sun, like the air we breathe, belongs to everyone - and to no one"

**James Clements**

**Marisa Clopino**



**Clayton Clyburn**

**Daniel Coila**

**Veronica Covarrubias**



**Joshua Craver**

**Jamila Crawley**

**Jose Cruz**



**Norma Cruz**  
**Chelsey Vanessa Culley**  
 African Awareness 9,10, (Sec ) 11, (2nd V-Pres.) 12, Class Officer 11, SCA 12, SADD (V-Pres.) 12, Key Club 12, Peer Mediator 12, Drama 11, Crossed Sabres 12, Blue and Gray 12, Jazz Vocals 11, (V-Pres.) 12, VA Girls State 11 "This drama you've just experienced has not been a soap opera. It's actually been my life!"

**James George DeFilippi**  
 Crew 10,11,(Capt ) 12; Swimming 10,11,12, National Honor Society 10,11,12, Debate 10,11  
 "You can't handle the truth" -- Jack Nicholson, A Few Good Men



**Eugenia M. DeLeon**  
 Marching Band 9,10,11,12, Concert Band 9,10,11,12, Soccer 9,10,11,12, Field Hockey 11,(Capt ) 12, Basketball 10,11, SADD 12  
 "Wait, I lost it in the Band Room!"

**Robert Demariano**

**Ian Denbow**  
 "Things are getting tough when you can't get to the top of the bottom of the barrel" -- Billie Joe Armstrong







What if **Kim Philley** wasn't so artistic.

What if **Larry Tiglao** wasn't too goofy.

What if nobody was enthusiastic about hall decorating.

What if **Whit Clements** never talked about crew.

What if **Denisha Pelham** never talked to anyone.





# Class of 1996 -- What If...

1. The Senior Class could get away with senior pranks.
2. **Sidd Shukla** didn't take 8 classes senior year.
3. **Jamie Fitzgerald** ever came to school.
4. **Nisha Abreu** and **Faltima Valdez** weren't best friends.
5. **Raymond Lee** and **Sierra Casillas** failed.
6. Our football team won all of their games.
7. **Laura Hartman** wasn't a blond cheerleader.
8. **Ruza Afram** didn't win any awards.
9. **Leslie Billings** never smiled.
10. **Jesse Lynn** didn't think he was all that.
11. McDonald's went out of business.
12. **Tom Moran** actually talked to people and **Denisha Pelham** didn't.
13. **Kara Campbell** wasn't captain of three varsity sports.
14. **Dhruv Sharma** didn't take everything literally.
15. Underclassmen stayed on campus for lunch.
16. **Ann Tonakarn** played soccer and **Amanda Hildt** rowed.
17. **Peter Strack** wasn't a body builder.
18. There were no grading curves in **Dr. Weinhardt's** class.
19. The class of 1996 had only one skip day.
20. People didn't make up organizations to put on their resumes.
21. **Miki Sanchez** and **Mr. Murray** agreed on anything.
22. Anyone actually did their own vocab.
23. **Aimee Barber** and **David Blanco** never went out.
24. People still wore their backpacks on one shoulder.
25. **Reed Harmon** and **Elysia Ewing** didn't have excuses for everything.
26. **Ryan Agnew** and **Kim Philley** weren't artistic.
27. No one liked **Mr. Wyatt**.
28. **Melissa Loerch** wasn't always on crutches.
29. We actually got to have a powder puff team.
30. **Emma Brown** wasn't perfect.
31. AP Biology didn't spend half of fourth period laughing at AP Physics.
32. The Class of '96 didn't finally win the hall and float competitions.



What if **Nisha Abreu** and **Faltima Valdez** weren't best friends.

What if the football team had a winning season every year





**Michael Derrick**

**Wilson DeSousa**

Crew 9,10,11,12  
"Life's many treasures come with one's  
patience."

**Ben Devens**

"Don't ask me for any favors."



**Travis J. Doggett "Seven Cubed"**

Juggling Club (Founder) 12; Marching Band  
9,10,11,12; Concert Band 9,10,11,12  
"It's easy when you know how."

**Nicholas Doheny**

**Michael J.G. Durishin**

Cross-Country 9,10, (Capt) 11,12; Indoor Track  
9,10 (Capt) 11, 12; Outdoor Track 11, (Capt) 12;  
Tennis 9, 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12;  
Marching Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 11,12; Latin  
Club 11; Ski Club 10,12



**Jessica Ann Eberhart "Jess"**

Yearbook 11,12; Penman 12; Crew 9,10,11, (Capt) 12  
"Many dreams come true and some have silver  
linings. I live for my dream and a pocket full of gold."

**Carla Espinoza**

**David Estes**



**John Evans**

**Sean Evans**

**Elysia Ewing**

Environmental Club 9,10,11, (Treasurer) 12; Ski  
Club 10,12  
"Chop wood and carry water."



**Matthew Feinstein**

**Jamie Maureen Fitzgerald**

Swimming 9,10,12; Chorus 9; Choir 11; Madrigals  
12; Jazz Vocal Ensemble 10, 11, (Pres.) 12  
"The smiles that win, the tints that glow, But tell of  
days in goodness spent, A mind at peace with all  
below, A heart whose love is innocent!"

**Ryan Fisher**







**Franklin Flamenco**



**Cesar Florero**

J.V. Soccer 10, Varsity Soccer 11, 12



**Sheny Galvez "Chiquita"**

Cosmopolitan Club 9, 10, 11, 12, International Club (Pres.) 11, Welcome to W-L Club 11, 12, SADD 12, LASA 12, Spanish Club 12  
"Hey Papi, wanna play?"



**Jose Garcia**



**Matthew R. Garcia**

Football 10, 11, (Capt.) 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, (Capt.) 12  
"While you're pointing fingers, other people are judging you" -- Bob Marley



**Cheryl Myrna Gasque**

Key Club 9, 10, 11, (Secretary) 12, DECA 12  
"Never forget your TRUE friends"



**Michael K. Gibson**

"Don't open your eyes, you won't like what you see. The blind have been blessed with security"



**Maricela Gomez**



**Nelson Granados-Ruiz**



**Cynthia Nicole Guadalupe**

FBLA 10, French Club 11, 12, COF Club 12, German Club 12, LASA Club: Welcome to W-L Club 12  
"Every man exists, but not every man really lives." -- Braveheart



**Marlene Guerra**



**Glenda Guevara**



**Melanie Guryansky**

Ski Club (Pres.) 10, 12, Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 12, Social Studies Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Apprentice Art Program 11  
"The best thing you ever did for me is help me take my life less seriously. It's only life after all" -- Indigo Girls



**Veronica Gutierrez**



**Nat Habtesion**

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, French Club 9, 10, French Honor Society 9, 10, African Awareness 12





# Stress

There is no way to be completely prepared for senior year. The rumors we heard that junior year was the most difficult year were quickly dispelled. Senior year was twice as stressful. By the end of the first week of school, seniors were already complaining about everything that had to be done.

In final efforts to improve transcripts, many seniors chose difficult classes in addition to the regular senior class load. **Sidd Shukla**, made the ultimate sacrifice, taking eight classes and giving up a lunch period. Commented Sidd, "I constantly feel as if I'm about to explode."

Classes were only responsible for a portion of the pressure that many seniors felt. Seniors also had to prepare for life after high school, which for some included a great deal of uncertainty. College was one of the most popular options.

College applications were approached from many different directions. Some students waited until the day before the application was due to begin. Others spent most of their spare time in the fall on writing lengthy essays.

There were also many students who decided against attending college. Some had other plans for education and still others planned to enter the workforce after graduation.

SAT's was a word that seniors came to dread. Waking up early on a Saturday morning to spend three hours taking a test, which plays a large part in determining your future, is not the general idea of a good time.

To add to all this anxiety about life after graduation, seniors also participated in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Sports played a major role in the busy life of seniors. Some viewed sports as a way to take their mind off of their academics. On the other hand, sports take up a lot of time and energy.

Students who took part in the musical activities had to be extremely dedicated to spending time at school. Band practice, which takes place during school sometimes, continued way into the afternoon. The practice certainly paid off as W-L had one of the best music groups in the area.

Most seniors were at the very least involved in a few clubs. Many of these occur on the same day and cause scheduling problems.

Part-time jobs took a ton of time from those who worked long hours for spending money or money to put in the bank.

Remaining leisure time was treasured because seniors could spend time enjoying themselves with friends or catching up on sleep.



**Ruza Afram** realizes that being co-editor of the yearbook is a stressful job.

After a hectic week, **Chelsey Culley** and **Raymond Lee** are completely worn out.

**Franklin Torrez** and **Christian Jones** take a moment to relax during their busy day.







These seniors are chatting in A.P. Biology, one of the least stressful senior classes.

**Amy Barrett** tries not to look stressed out as she heads to class at 7:30a.m.

**Mason Pruzin** tries to concentrate on Biology, although college applications are on his mind.



Several seniors ponder over the complexity of A.P. Physics.





**Hatim Hachana**



**Reed Conner Harmon**

Marching Band 9,10,11,12; Concert Band 9,10,11,12;  
Crew 9,10; Key Club 12; Football 9  
"School is great."

**Erin Harnett**

**Laura Amalia Hartman**

Natioanl Honor Society 10,11,12; Key Club  
9,10,11,12; Gymnastics 9,10,11; Softball 10,11,12;  
Cheerleading 12; Thespians 10,11,12; Class Vice-  
President 9,10,11,12; Morning Announcements 12  
"All that we see or seem is but a dream within a  
dream" --Edgar Allan Poe



**Chhay Hem**

**Maria D. Hernandez A.**

String Orchestra 9,10,11,12; FBLA 10; French Club  
(Secretary)11,12; Welcome to W-L Club 11,  
(Secretary) 12; LASA 11, (Treasurer) 12; Soccer  
10,11;

**Amanda Hildt**

National Honor Society 10,11,12; Varsity Soccer  
9,10,11,12; Swimming 9,10,11,12; Band 10,11,12;  
Jazz Band 12; Environmental Club 10,11,12; Social  
Studies Honor Society 11,12; Cross Country 11  
"The dog barks but the caravan moves on"  
-- Arabic Proverb



**Themicka Hill**

**Andrea Horn "Andi"**

Basketball 9; "Pirates of Penzance" 10; Ad vanced  
Choir 11,12; Jazz Vocals Ensemble 12  
"And forget not that the Earth delights to feel  
your bare feet and the winds along to play with  
your hair."

**Stephen Huff**



**Jasmine Irigoyen**

Basketball (Capt.) 9,10,11; Soccer 10,11; LASA  
(Secretary) 10,12  
"All life is an experiment. The more experiments  
you make the better."

**Cynthia Jaldin**

**Ahmad Jan**



**Christian Jones**

Varsity Football 12; Project Ganas 12; LASA 12  
"Es culpa de lich." -- Christian Jones

**Amit Kaim**







**Preeti Kain**



**LaShawn Kirkland**

Choir 10,11,12 Aide 10,11 Computers 9,10,11  
"Be yourself" - Peaches 'n' Cream



**Florence B. Kittleman**

Rifle 9,11,(Capt) 12  
"Open your eyes and look within Are you satisfied with the life you're livin'" - Bob Marley



**Robert J. Koehl**

Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12 Cross-country 9, 10, 11, 12, Outdoor Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, (Section Leader) 12, Concert Band 9, 10, (Section Leader) 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, 12  
"I wish I were an Oscar Meyer weiner. That's the one thing I would like to be. Cause if I were an Oscar Meyer weiner. Then everyone would take a bite of me."



**Jenny Kramer**



**Andrew Laird**



**Melissa F. Laranjeira**

Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Marching Band 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 12, Honor Roll 9, 12  
"Ay, mamee!!"



**Raymond C. Lee Jr.**

African Awareness Society 9, 10, (1st V-Pres) 12; Key Club 12, Jazz Vocal Ensemble 12, Class President 9, 10, Peer Mediator 12, Announcer 12; Indoor Track 9, 10, 12, Outdoor Track 9, 10, 12, Blue and Gray 12  
"Get out of life what you put in to it" See ya '97 much love



**Amanda Leman**

Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, 11, JV 12-Varsity  
"Anger is Power"



**Nicole Janel St. Clair Lewis**

African-Awareness Society 9, 10, 11-President, 12; Class Senator 11, 12, Choir 11, Thespians 10, 11, 12; Social Studies Honor Studies 10, 11, 12; Intramural Sports 9, 10, 11, 12, Penman 12-Associate Fiction Editor, It's Academic 10, 11, C-Span 12 Outdoor Track 12, SADD 12, Action Program 11, 12, Forensic Society 12



**Carina Lima**



**Jan Carlos Llanos**



**Melissa Ann Loerch**

Varsity Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12 (Co-captain); Virginia Girl's State 11, Newspaper 11, 12 (Feature Editor); Honor Roll 10, 11, 12.



**Jennifer Leigh Lounsbury**

Sports Trainer 12  
"Thank you for the warm welcome I'll always remember you all. Remember the crazy talks in the training room. Keep Training."



**Jesse Nathaniel Lynn**

Football 9, Varsity 10, 11, Baseball 9, Varsity 10, 11, 12, SCA 9, 10, 11, 12, Leadership Convention 9, Leadership Training Day 10, 11, 12, "The Outsiders" "Girl Crazy" Band 12







**Raymond Lee** works hard on hall decorations for the senior class.

Sheny Galvez works hard at Hall Decorating.

**Melissa Laranjera** trims a sign for the senior hall.

**Neptali Rosado** and his friends show their school spirit by painting a banner.





# SENIOR SWEEP

Dozens of seniors turned out for hall decorating this year. There was a contagious sort of excitement in the cafeteria, where most of the work was done. The more artistic seniors were responsible for painting while others organized the general construction. The hall theme was **General Flashback**. Walking down the hall provided a look back on the '60s, '70s, '80s and concluded with a glimpse of the early '90s. Seniors enjoyed their first ever victory in the hall competition.

The float theme of **Refridge-A-Raider** proved equally successful with their second first place of homecoming week. The float was enhanced by the many seniors dressed up as different foods. To cap off all the success, the class of '96 also won the spirit links competition.

The homecoming attendants this year were Emma Brown, Litzi Paredes, Claudia Rente, Eric Calhoun, Sean Evans and Tony Stanley. The crowd cheered as Tony Stanley was crowned king and Emma Brown received the honor of being named queen.

Unfortunately, the homecoming game was postponed until Saturday due to a Friday storm. After half-time, seniors trickled out of the stadium to prepare for the dance. In a few hours, glamorous seniors appeared at the dance. With the exception of the disc jockey, (who dedicated a song to the class of '95. Hello, they've already graduated.) the dance was lots of fun for all. Most seniors agreed that this homecoming was the best ever.



Homecoming King and Queen Tony Stanley and Emma Brown prepare to dance during Homecoming.

Magda Sypula creates a masterpiece for the hall.



Sonia Villanueva and Denisha Pelham paint a score box for the senior hall.





**Sandra Marquez**

**Vanessa Beatriz Martinez**

Best wishes to my sweetheart (ANT) hope you achieve all your goals. I'll miss you.

**Jarreau Ira Donte McFail**

Basketball; 9,10 Varsity 11, (Capt.) 12; African Awareness 9,10,11,12; Latin Club 11,12; Football 11.

"Ain't no future in your frontin'."



**Lauren McManus**

**Christopher McSwain**

**Ana Melara "Sleepy"**

Spanish Cosmopolitan Dancing Club 9,10,11

"To Believe in one's dreams is to spend all one's life asleep." -- Chinese Proverb



**Helen Mendez**

**Aylet Morales**

**Thomas Moran**



**Jonie Marie Morgan**

SADD 9,10,11,12; Marching Band (Color Guard) 9,10,11; Softball 9; Wrestling Manager 9,10; Gymnastics 9,10; DECA 12

"Tonic of the Wilderness, too much is never enough."

**David Morland**

Crew 9,10,11,12; Debate 10, (Co-Captain) 11& 12; It's Academic 11,12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Class Senator 12; Ski Club 10, (Secretary) 12

"Life is what you want it to be. So don't get tangled up trying to be free." -- Fugazi



**Patricia Muriel**

**Edith Naranjo**

**Gloria Naranjo**

Volleyball, tutor at Long Branch

**My Le Nguyen**







**Charles Niner**



**Christian Michael O'Connor**  
Football 9,10,11 - Dean's List 9 - Baseball 9,10,11,12  
"Hit, Catch, Spit, Scratch - Bama can do it all!" - A Fan



**Magda Ogbe**



**Philipos Ogbe**



**Ye Naung Oo**  
Key Club 12; Environmental Club 12, Tennis 10,12



**Christopher Michael O'Rear**  
Crew 10,11, Cross Country 11, Diving 11,12, Madrigals 10,11,12  
"People who think they know everything annoy those of us who do."



**Jorge Orellana**  
DECA 11, (President) 12, JROTC 9,10; Football 9,10  
"Know what your goals are and don't stop until you attain them."



**Osmin Palacios**



**Veronica Palmer**



**Litzi Giovanna Paredes**  
French Honor Society 12, LASA 9, (Treas) 10, (V-Pres) 11, (Pres) 12, Spanish Honor Society 11,12, Field Hockey 12, Soccer 11,12  
"Change has to be from the heart if it is to be meaningful."



**John Cameron Peck**  
Cross Country 9,10,11,12, Track 11,12, Water Polo 10; Yearbook 10,12; Class Senator 12,



**Denisha Nicole Pelham**  
Class President 11; Senator 9,10; Crew 10,11,12  
"Someone told me what I couldn't do, where I couldn't go, what I couldn't be. That's when I decided my next here would be me" -- Unknown



**Kevin Pence**



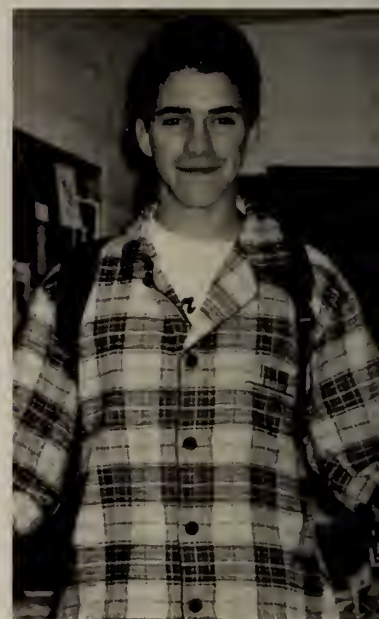
**Hector Perla**



**Kimberly S. Philley**  
"A naked lunch is natural to us, we eat reality sandwiches. But allegories are so much lettuce. Don't hide the madness" -- Allen Ginsburg (San Jose, 1954)







**Marja Van Orman and Amanda Hil**  
wear their wackiest clothes for Crazy Da

**Vania Villanueva, Melanie Guryansk**  
**Gabrielle Riesner, and Florence Kittlma**  
show their Blue and Gray spirit during a pe  
rally.

**Mike Durishin** in his favorite flannel paj  
mas enjoys his favorite spirit day.

A group of friends pose for a picture on Black and White Day.





# SPRIT WEEK

Washington-Lee pulled off another **GENERAL** success. The annual Spirit Week was enjoyed by the entire senior class. Spirit Week was kicked off on Monday with the always popular Pajama Day. Many seniors just rolled out of bed and came to school in whatever they had on. W-L seniors were caught wearing fuzzy slippers, silk nightgowns, flannel pajamas, boxers, and carrying their favorite stuffed teddies. Pajama Day on Monday sure made it easier for many seniors to haul themselves back to school after a relaxing weekend.

For many seniors who forgot about Spirit Week, they had their chance to show off their spirit on Tuesday. Tuesday was Black and White Day. Given the initiative,

the senior class took it a step further. All seniors, and only seniors, were asked to wear their togas to school. Many seniors were seen walking through the school in their white togas and some even wore laurel wreaths and sandals.

On Wednesday, students dressed their wackiest for Crazy Day. The spirited Class of 1996 participated by wearing anything they could put together that made no sense. Everyone was seen wearing mismatched clothes, funny socks, outrageously loud pants, and even crazy hair.

To round up the week, seniors really showed off their spirit by wearing their college apparel on Thursday and their Bluest and Grayest clothes on Friday.



Good friends **Bethany Williams** and **Merie Bernardo** are looking very comfortable on Pajama Day.

A group of seniors show their spirit by dressing in togas.

**Tony Alvarado, Claudia Reyes, Jasmin Goyen, and Jackie Salvatierra** look like they just woke up.





**Charanpreet K. Phoul**

"Slight not what's near through aiming at  
what's far"

**Elizabeth Poplin**

Varsity Gymnastics 9,10,11,(Capt.) 12;Crew 9;  
Club Crew 10; Softball 10,11, (Co-Capt.)12;  
Varsity Tennis 12; Ski Club 10,12; SADD 12;  
Latin Club 9,10,11;

"The hardest thing for some people to say  
in 25 words or less is.. Good-bye" -- Tony  
Pettito

**Elvira Portillo****Jorge Portillo****Brian "R" Powell**

DECA (Reporter) 11;

**Ibrahim Powell****Sumita Pradhan****Jason Pruzin**

Cross Country 11,12; Indoor Track 10,11,12;  
Outdoor Track 11,(Capt.) 12; Band 9,10,11,12;  
Jazz Band 10,11,12; Madrigals 12; Sound Crew  
10,11,12; Tech 10,11,12; Arlington All County  
Orchestra 11; Tennis 10; Key Club 10;

**Wendy Candace Putnam**

Crew 9,10,11,12; SADD Club 11,12;  
"Stand in the place where you are, think  
about direction, wonder why you haven't  
before" -- REM

**Anna Qadri****Najibullah Qazei****Cecile Remington**

French Honor Society 10,11,12; French Club  
9,10, (Vice-Pres.) 11, (Pres.) 12; Social Studies  
Honor Society 10,11,12; Varsity Gymnastics 9;  
Newspaper 9,10,11, (News Editor) 12;  
Environmental Club 12; Key Club 9,10,11,12;  
SADD Club 12; Honor Roll 9,10,11,12;

**Claudia C. Rente "Claud"**

Crew 9,10,11,12; French Honor Society 9,10,11;  
Crossed Sabres 11, (Co-editor in Chief) 12;  
Penman (Secretary) 12; Ski Club (Treasurer) 10;  
Who's Who Among High School Students 11;  
"It's time to move on, it's time to get  
going, what lies ahead, I have no way of  
knowing." -- Tom Petty

**Claudia Reyes****Margarita Reyes**



**Gabrielle Riesner**

Swim team 9,10, Crew 9,10, Ski Club 10,12, Key Club 11,12, Latin Club 9,10, Blue&Gray 10,  
 "There's nothing more that I can say, but on a day like today to pass the time away I'll walk a quiet mile with you" - Led Zepplin

**Kathy Robinson**

Varsity Cheerleading 12, African Awareness Society 12, Varsity Basketball (manager) 10,11,12,  
 "It's about time. It took long enough, but I finally made it"

**Edgar Romero****Kathryn Colleen Rooney**

Cross Country 10,(Capt) 11&12, Indoor Track 10,(Capt) 11&12; Outdoor Track 9,10,(Capt) 11&12; Key Club 10,11,(Tres)12, NHS 10,11,12, Spanish Honor Society (Sec) 11,(V-Pres)12, Blue and Gray 11, (Senior Section Editor) 12

**Neftali Rosado**

Football 9,10,11,12; Wrestling 12  
 "Opportunities only come once in a lifetime. Don't let them pass you by!"

**Jovanka Salvatierra "Jackie"**

French Honor Society 9,10,11, LASA 11,12, Key Club 11,12, International Club(Pres) 12  
 "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. . You must do the thing which you think you cannot do."

**Marta Sanchez "Marter"**

Athletic Trainer 10; Varsity Basketball 9, DECA (Secretary) 12;  
 "Know who your friends are and cherish them forever"

**Mikilita Sanchez "Miki"**

Drama Club 9,10; Thespians 10, Athletic Training 10, (Head Trainer) 11,12; Health Occupation Students of America (President) 11,12, School Health Advisory Board 12, Class President 12,

**Sebastian Sandoval****Jorge Sands**

Cosmopolitan Club 9; JV Soccer 9; Varsity Soccer 10,11, (Capt.) 12; YES Club program 11,  
 "What goes around comes around"

**Rosa Sanjines****Bilikya Schiller****Gabriel Severich**

Welcome to W-L Club 12, Baseball Tryouts 10,  
 "Best wishes to all my friends" -- Pachuco

**Mamona Shabbir "Moo"**

Wrestling manager 12, Soccer manager 12,  
 "Everything seems impossible for people who never try anything."

**Dhruv Sharma**

Chess Club 9, Guidance Aide 10; Social Studies Honor Society 11, Virginia Math League 11, Peer Mediation 12, Spanish Honor Society 12,  
 "Don't worry, be happy"





# General Flashback

As the years have past, you have seen many friends come and go. This year as we graduate we leave behind many friends. Friendship is a very special thing. As babies we cherished the many friends we had. Now that we have grown up, we look back at all of our childhood memories. Now we realize how much we have changed. Take a look at these pictures and see how much your friends have changed.

1. Chelsey Culley
2. Andre Chautard
3. Amanda Hildt
4. Ruza Afram
5. Jessica Eberhart
6. Ann Tonakarn
7. Raymond Lee
8. Betheny Williams
9. Kathy Rooney
10. Cecile Remington









**Siddhartha Shukla**

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods, there is a rapture on the lonely shore, there is a society where no one intrudes, by the deep sea, and music in its roar. I love not man the less, but nature more."

**David Lewis Smith**

Swimming 10,11,12; Computer Club 9,12; Bike Club 9;

"The future you can change, the past you can't. So why not stop trying to change the past, and try to change the future for the better."

**Tanya Snead****Wendy D. Soliz****Flor Sotelo****Schirley Soto****Jeanette Christine Staats**

NHS 11,12; Key Club 11,12; French Club 11,12; Environmental Club 11,12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12; Concert Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 9,10,11,12;

**Petrus Stamps****Tony "Silky Smooth" Stanley**

Basketball 9,10, (Capt.) 11, (Capt.) 12; Tennis 9,11,12; Choir (Vice-Pres.) 12; Peer Mediation 12; "Every job is a self-portrait of the person who has done it, autograph your work with excellence."

**Kamila Stelmach****Christine Elizabeth Stewart**

"Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul." -- Anonymous

**Peter Thomas Strack**

Social Studies Honor Society 11,12; Wrestling 9,10; Crew 9,10; Science Research Club 10,11,12; Spanish Honor Society 11,12; Chess Club 11,12; Philosophy Club 12;

"School is propaganda. Rebellion is justified."

**Fanoula Ann Stylianos "Faye"**

Varsity Tennis 9; Gymnastics 9; Crew 10; JV Cheerleading 10; Yearbook 10,11, (Co-editor in chief) 12; "Every one must stand alone."

**Magdalena Sypula**

"The human body is an instrument for the creation of art in the life of the human mind."

**Christine Marlee Tamez**

"I don't know what you want from me, but it's probably already gone. I don't care what you think of me, your opinion means nothing at all."-- Face to Face







**Barbara Taylor**



**Monique Taylor**



**Tsebaot Tefera**



**Tawnya Tenequer "Pokey"**

Basketball 9,10,11, Choir 10,11, SAIDD 11, (Pres.) 12, Softball 11,12.  
"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."



**Chanta Thompson**

DECA 10,11,12;  
"Choose your friends, and choose them well. Because when your friends become your foes, out to the world your secrets goes."



**Lawrence Matthew Tiglao**

Football 9,10,12, Baseball 9,10,11,12.  
"Sometimes when you want something, you have to take risks, but when you want something really bad, you have to risk everything."



**Ann Tonakarn**

NHS 10,11, (Treasurer) 12, Key Club 9,10,11,12, Crew 9,10,11, (Co-Capt) 12, International Club 10, (Secretary) 12.  
"Break the rules, go with your heart, the world is wide and anything anything can happen."



**Franklin A. Torres**

Football 9,10,11,12, Wrestling 9,10,11, (Capt) 12, Baseball 9,10,12, French Honor Society 11,12, French Governor's Academy Nominee 11, Boys State 11.



**Richard Torrez**

HLT Club 10,11,12.



**Oscar Torrico**



**Timothy Pipher Trahant**

Crew 9,10,11, (Co-Capt) 12, Rifle Team 9, Bike Club 10, Christmas Bazaar Co-Chair 12.  
"Kind of grabs you, don't it?"



**Minh Truong**



**Jordan S. Uffen**

French Honor Society 11, (Vice-Pres) 12, Varsity Swimming 9,10,11, Crew 9,10,11,12, French Club 9,10,11, Key Club 9,10,11.  
"The best man for the job is often a woman."



**Christine Maria Valdes**

Marching Band 9,10,11,12, Jazz Band 10,11,12, Basketball 10,12, Key Club 12.



**Fatima Teresa Valdez**

Key Club 9,10,11,12, International Club 9,10,11,12, Spanish Club 11, (Vice-Pres) 12.  
"We're still not where we're going but we're still not where we were" - N. Josefovitz





# The Senior Lunchers

Finally, we were SENIORS and we could go out to lunch without ducking as we drove by **Scott** and **Rick**. Finally, on those rare occasions when **Mr. Crawley** stopped all of the cars to check inside, we could flash our bright yellow lunch passes instead of trudging back to the commons. Most seniors could remember at least one occasion when they had had to get out of an upperclassman's car to eat lunch in the Commons.

After three years of waiting in the snack line to buy donuts, cheese popcorn and peanut M&M's, we could indulge in Wendy's Super Value Menu, although the 10% student discount was revoked at the beginning of the year, Wendy's was still the most popular place to grab a quick lunch. As **Reed Harmon** said, "I was really disappointed when a Jr. Cheeseburger and Biggie fries started costing more than just \$2.00."

Unfortunately, seniors were not the only ones who ventured off-campus during lunch. Many *underclassmen* would mooch rides, or even walk, just to go out to lunch. "Even though they sometimes sneak off, we have our days of triumph when **Mr. Crawley** checks for passes," said **Amanda Hildt**.

Freshmen, sophomore, and junior years we struggled to obtain a

hot burger and golden frenchfries. Finally we were free to spend our lunch hours in the popular fast food restaurants without fear of punishment.

*"Like many people, Faye's, Claudia's, and my favorite lunch place is Wendy's. We've just got to have those Great Biggie Fries!"*  
-Jessica Eberhart

Many people based their cravings on the amount of money that they had for that day. For example, if the funds were low, Wendy's was the place to go for the 99 cent Extra Value Menu. If parents were generous, however, groups of seniors would "hit the Hut," for the \$3.99 all-you-can-eat buffet. In extreme cases, when the lunch money was lost or forgotten, or simply used up, some resorted to eating leftovers at home.

All in all, every senior was ecstatic about the off-campus privileges, no matter where they ate.

Jessica Eberhart



**Aimee Barber** and **David Blanco** enjoy eating together during their lunch break.

Wendy's is a great place to "chill" with your friends for a half-hour!

**Jordan Uffen**, **Tu-anh Bui** and **Chris O'rear** occasionally stop by Wendy's for a quick lunch.







**Andre Chautard, Melissa Loerch and Ann Inakarn** munch on a quick chicken meal at Popeye's.

**Erthy Rooney** would fit right in with the Biggie fries and a cold soda!

**Crissie Valdez** wishes that she could be out to lunch instead of being stuck inside with the uncerclassmen.



**Mike Durishin** loves to suck down a thick Frosty from Wendy's for dessert.





**Marja V. Van Orman**

Chorus 9,10; Madrigals (Student Director) 11,12; Marching Band 10,11,(Drum Major) 12; Concert Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Combo 9,10,11,12; Honors Choir 12; Jazz Vocal Ensemble 9,10, (Student Director) 11,12  
 "Our mind like the dyer's hand is colored by what it holds."

**Evelyn Via****Jaqueline Via****Jose Viera****Vania Villanueva**

"Do not follow where the path may lead, instead go where there is not a path and leave a trail."

**Christopher Walker****Pei-Yan Wang**

National Honor Society 11,12; Rifle Club 9; Key Club 11,12

"Luck is everything."

**Calundra Ward**

Cheerleading 9; Peer Mediation 12

**Bethany Ryane Williams**

Gymnastics 10,11; Cheerleading 10,11,(Captain) 12; DECA 12; International Club 10; Newspaper 12; SADD 12; Morning Announcer 12; Spanish Honor Society 9,10,11; Welcome to W-L Club 12

"How high I aim, how much I see, how far I reach depends on me."

**Kristen Marie Wilson**

Swimming 9,10,11,12; Crew 10,11,12; Athletic Trainer 11,12; NHS 10,11,12; Band 9,10, (Section Leader) 11,12; Jazz Lab 12; Honor Roll 9,10,11,12

"The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." --

Robert Louis Stevenson

**Julissa Yabar**

Social Studies Honor Society 10,11,12; Spanish Honor Society 11,12; International Club 9,10,11,12; Basketball 10; Choir 11,12

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

**Geovanny Zarceno****Gonzalo Zentano**





at Habtesion and LaShawn Kirkland show how happy they are to be part of the CLASS OF '96.

## *Seniors Not Pictured*

Juana Alvarez

Omar Andrade

Brian Avery

Edwin Ayala

Travis Bridgett

Yancy Carrera

Walter Coon

Henry Djabatey

Mark East

Jose Genie

Victor Gonzalez

Juan Hernandez

Maria Ibanez

Damon Key

Adriana Kortesis

Luis Larios

Ife Madyun

Edwin Montecinos

Aylet Morales

Patricia Muriel

Sean O'Brien

Anna Patsel

John Puryear

Walter Rivero

Panaquiotis Sarris

Steve Sousa

Rosa Umana







Best All Around: **Eric Calhoun and Emma Brown**



Best Sense of Humor: **Faye Stylianos and Chris Walker**



Biggest Gossip: **Boris Benitez and Denisha Pelham**

## *Superlatives*

Best All Around: Eric Calhoun and Emma Brown

Best Eyes: Sean Evans and Melissa Laranjeira

Best Sense of Humor: Chris Walker and Faye Stylianos

Best Singer: Sidd Shukla and Marja Van Orman

Most Athletic: Michael Durishin and Eugenia Deleon

Biggest Gossip: Boris Benitez and Denisha Pelham



Best Eyes: **Melissa Larenjeira and Sean Evans**



Friendliest: **Nick Doheny and Laura Hartman**







Most Athletic: **Eugenia Deleon and Mike Durishin**

Best Smile: Reed Harmon and Cecile Remington

Best Dressed: Raymond Lee and Valerie Bernardo

Most Unique: Dhruv Sharma and Elysia Ewing

Most Outspoken: Jesse Lynn and Chelsey Culley

Biggest Flirt: Tony Stanley and Melanie Guryansky

Best Buns: Josh Craver and Jessica Eberhart

Friendliest: Nick Doheny and Laura Hartman

Most Intellectual: David Morland and Ruza Afram

*Most Spirited:*  
*Class*  
*Of*  
*1996*



Best Dressed: **Valerie Bernardo and Raymond Lee**



Most Outspoken: **Chelsey Culley and Jesse Lynn**



Most Unique: **Dhruv Sharma and Elysia Ewing**







Join the Peace Corps: **Kristy Clark and Andre Chautard**



Brighten Your Day: **Larry Tiglao and Leslie Billings**



Become President: **James Defilippi and Miki Sanchez**

## *Most Likely To...*

Become an Actor/Actress: Matt Feinstein and Amy Barre

Join the Class of '97: Tom Moran and Vania Villanueva

Brown-nose: Chris O'Connor and Claudia Rente

Play in the World Cup: Matt Garcia and Amanda Hildt

Become a W-L Teacher: John Peck and Melissa Loerch

Be Late: Alberto Angulo and Amber Bamman

Become a Millionaire: Chuck Niner and Wendy Putnam



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Be late: **Amber Bamman and Alberto Angulo**







Become an artist: **Kim Philley and Ryan Agnew**



Play in the World Cup: **Matt Garcia and Amanda Hildt**

Become Mr. Mom/Housewife: **Chris O'Rear and Christine Stewart**

Join the Peace Corps: **Andre Chautard and Kristy Clark**

Drop Class: **Tim Trahant and Aimee Barber**

Become President: **James Defilippi and Miki Sanchez**

Embarrass him/herself on National TV: **Steve Huff and Gabrielle Riesner**

Become an Artist: **Ryan Agnew and Kim Philley**

Brighten Up Your Day: **Larry Tiglao and Leslie Billings**



Become a Millionaire: **Wendy Putnam and Chuck Niner**



Brown-nose: **Chris O'Connor and Claudia Rente**



Join the Class of '97 **Tom Moran and Vania Villanueva**





# 1996 Senior Pet Peeves

## Don't you hate it when:

1. Senior pranks are outlawed.
2. After you get caught.
3. Freshman only use one stairwell.
4. One government class has 1st lunch.
5. You forget your locker combination and your locker partner is gone.
6. Our football team is ranked last in the region.
7. And we pay to see them lose.
8. Underclassmen have senior lockers.
9. "Senior Slump" begins the first month of school.
10. You get a senior lunch pass and they don't check for it.
11. They finally check and you forgot yours.
12. You lose your train of thought in the middle of a sentence.
13. Our prom is at the Renaissance and we didn't have a say.
14. People sit in the wrong sections at pep rallies.
15. Juniors think they're seniors.
16. It's 90 degrees outside.
17. And it's 30 degrees in the school..
18. All of your tests are on the same day.
19. Fairfax has a snow day and we don't.
20. Someone gets a 100% on a test and ruins the curve.
21. You come back from lunch and there's no place to park.
22. The elevator stops on every floor and nobody gets on or off.
23. You have to be in school on senior skip day.
24. You drive to McDonald's on Friday night and no one's there.
25. The girls in the class of 96 are hated every year.
26. Simon doesn't teach your Spanish class.
27. The person walking in front of you stops suddenly.
28. You have to copy from an underclassmen.
29. Your pen leaks in the middle of class.
30. There's no toilet paper in the bathroom.
31. You step on gum.
32. Subs try to teach.
33. You step on a wet floor with your socks on.
34. Underclassmen have nicer cars.
35. Someone asks you a question while your mouth is full.
36. You dial a phone number and forget who you're calling.
37. A red sock ends up in your white load.
38. You get a piece of popcorn stuck in your teeth.
39. You write an address on an envelope and realize it's upside down.
40. The drawstring on your sweat pants goes back into the waistband.
41. An annoying song plays over and over in your head.
42. Your tape player eats your favorite mix tape.
43. You wake up from a great dream and can't remember it.
44. People are selling candy, but there's nothing good left.
45. The bathroom door is locked.
46. You slam into it, thinking it's open.
47. The radio overplays your favorite song.
48. The morning announcers stutter.
49. The person in front of you in the express lane has 23 items.
50. The price of soda goes up 10 cents.
51. The machine won't accept your dollar bill.
52. Your new CD only has one good song.
53. Your car stalls and people honk.
54. You think you aced a test, but you bombed it.
55. You have to wake up early on a Saturday to take SAT's.
56. You take the wrong book to class.
57. They take away the Wendy's student discount.
58. You don't get to throw candy from your float.
59. All your TV shows are interrupted with his latest news about OJ.
60. People borrow things and don't return them.
61. Your favorite jeans are too dirty too wear.
62. You're late for school and your car windows are fogged up.
63. You drink soda too fast and it fizzes in your throat.
64. You eat ice cream too fast and your brain freezes.
65. The bell rings and your leg is asleep.
66. The hairdresser gives you a bad haircut.
67. People put their mouth on the water fountain spout.
68. You've been in school for 12 years and still can't make a paper airplane.
69. Cars blare their music in the parking lot.
70. You borrow a pen that someone has chewed.
71. You loan someone a pen and they chew on it.
72. Classrooms don't have clocks.
73. Your senior pictures suck.
74. You have to make your own lunch pass because you were too lazy to go get one.
75. You tell the administrators you just got to school, but they saw you last period.
76. People you don't know you ask for ride home.
77. Teachers don't erase the chalkboard at the way.
78. The person next to you has body odor.
79. Everyone thinks it's you.
80. You wave at someone and they don't wave back.
81. Someone you don't know waves at you.
82. You lock your keys in your car.
83. You drop your binder and everything falls out.
84. You don't understand inside jokes.
85. Subs won't let you out of class.
86. You're in the middle of a shower and you realize there's no soap.
87. Underclassmen ask what you got on your SAT's.
88. You taste the onions you ate for lunch hours later.
89. You forget to button your button-down jeans.
90. You're in the shower and the phone rings.
91. Your tongue hurts from eating too many sour-patch kids.
92. There are more guests than W-L students at home games.
93. Yorktown sweats W-L.
94. Freshmen think they're hot and they're not.
95. Sophomores think they're hot and they're not.
96. Juniors think they're hot and they're not.

--Jessica Eberhart and Kathy Room



Don't you hate it when you're not sure if the photographer is taking the picture on 1, 2, or 3?

This A.P. Government class hates to be the only class of seniors with first lunch.







**an Agnew** hates the days when he has to  
dy during lunch.

**ck Doheny** created his own senior lunch  
s because he was too lazy to obtain an  
cial one.

These seniors are confused because nobody  
is sure of what's going on.

Don't you wish that the football team could  
be as good at winning as our class is?

**Jesse Lynn** and **David Morland** are enthu-  
siastic that the hour has finally come for the  
Simpson verdict.





## SCA President

Has it really been four years since we got here? Freshman year started off with the shirts that no one, not even our teachers could understand. "We are the pix!" We spent that year getting used to high school and getting to know each other. Sophomore year came along and we knew what we were doing. On the first day of school we didn't have to walk around with maps of the school and we won first place in float competition. Time flew by and suddenly we were juniors, on top of the world and behind the wheel, too. Our float never made it to judging that year, but we were convinced it would have won. We made it through Mr. Wyatt and Hemingway and we survived being juniors. Some of our best friends graduated and we were left to lead W-L.

We made W-L history with our Senior Sweep at Homecoming, and it is the members of the class of '96 who this year are captains of our teams, presidents of our clubs, and stars on our stage. Our four years here together have changed us all. We have made lifelong friends and have many memorable experiences. In our own way, we left our mark on Washington-Lee, and W-L has left part of it in us too. Wherever we go, part of us will always belong to the class of '96.

Sincerely,  
Emma Brown



**Emma Brown** gives a speech at the U.N. assembly.

**Jamila Crawley** expresses her feelings about taking a senior group picture.

**Preet Kaïm** confirms upcoming senior events.







Students assist in a Fairfax candidate's signature drop.

**Ezi Paredes** and her date look elegant while posing for a picture on Homecoming night.

Senior President **Miki Sanchez** looks enthusiastic about giving an upcoming speech.



## Senior Class President

Our years at Washington-Lee are finally over. We must now put our high school lives behind us. It is hard to believe that just a few years ago we walked in as "the little freshmen," and now we are on our way to becoming a part of the "real world."

I remember how hard it seemed our first year... we all got lost the first day. We thought we'd never see the day of graduation. Then, sophomore year got a little bit easier. Then boom! Junior year we didn't have a float and lost big in the hall competition.

It was times like these that everybody wanted to give up. But not the class of '96. We were determined to make our senior year the best.

Congratulations to everyone for having come this far. Without all your hard work and determination, we could not have gotten where we are now. Thanks for all the great times... I know no one will ever forget the class of '96.

Sincerely,  
Miki Sanchez





**Chhay Hem** looks on eagerly as he takes a break from the game.



The Washington-Lee Varsity Football team gives it their all in yet another season of football.



**Travis Neighbors** leads the team off the field during half-time into the locker room.



**Chris Walker** waits anxiously to get back in the game.





# Showing A Lot Of Heart

The 1995 Washington-Lee Generals' football team showed a lot of heart and determination during this season. The entire team went all out and tried their best at all times. They were led by captains **George Martinez** on offense, and **Frank Torres** on defense. The team was made up of several sophomores and juniors who did not have very much experience prior to this season. The starting quarterback this year, **Elliot Schaefer**, is only a sophomore and will contribute greatly in the upcoming seasons. For a large number of players, this was the first year that they ever played any form of organized football.

Despite an obvious lack of experience, the team did have many bright spots. Play making seniors **Matt Garcia** and **Boris Benitez** both did well as wide receivers. Junior kicker, **Andy Vendig**, had another great season and was the team's leading scorer. Not far behind was speedster **Jamal Zaqqout**, who was all over the field

whenever he was in the game. **Jason Standard** was another big part of the offense, but didn't play much because of injuries. On defense, linebacker **Steve Clark** (a junior) was hard to beat, playing in his third year of varsity football.

This year's record did not discourage the players. "We might be down by a ton of points, but we will keep on fighting," said senior running back **Chris Walker**. "That's one of the good characteristics of this team." Team members had a good time learning and becoming better football players, under the direction of **Coach Rocky Belk**. During the season the players worked hard in practice. The team practiced diligently four days a week for two and a half hours. Everyone on the team was able to get out and play, and gain some experience this season. With the experience gained this year, it looks as if the team should have a prosperous season next year.



The Generals' defense works hard against Stuart's offense.

**Luis Camacho** and **George Martinez** get pumped up during the pre-game pep-rally.





# Freshmen On The Move

The Washington-Lee Freshmen team had a good season this year. The team was led by co-captains **Nello Marconi** and **Andrew Jones**. The team had a large turnout this season and showed sincere interest at all of the games.

Even though the team had a slow start this year, losing three straight games (to the Edison Eagles, the Yorktown Patriots, and the Wakefield Warriors), they never gave up. They always came out fighting. Some of this year's team members were: **Jerome Odie**, **Nick Cannon**, **Shamar Johnson**, **Nello Marconi**, **Andrew Jones**, **John**

**Davis**, **Osmin Hernandez**, **Brian Kincaid**, **Arial Arias**, **Reggie Brester**, **Pre Mohinder**, **Nino Paraiso**, **Joey Douglas**, **Jeremy Bioggs**, **Terrell Williams**, and **Brandon Boston**.

The team was coached by **Coach George Porcha**. Once the team came together and got organized they became very competitive. Cornerback **Nick Cannon** said, "We are improving daily with the help of **Coach Porcha**. We're learning from our mistakes which will makes us a better team as well as prepare us for the future levels."



The Freshmen team gathers around **Coach Porcha** during halftime.

The 1995-1996 Freshmen football team works hard to achieve success.



**Nick Cannon** sits back and waits to return a kick off.

The freshman defense sets up in order to stop Yorktown.







**Mike Durishin** makes his move and closes the gap.

**Kathy Rooney** works hard until the very end.



## Cross Country Blazes A New Path

The cross country team should never be taken lightly. Although cross country is not one of the largest team sports at Washington-Lee the members are very dedicated to their sport.

This year's cross country team had a fairly successful season. The team was led by many prominent athletes. This year's captains were: senior, **Kathy Rooney**, and junior, **Edith Guevara**, for the girls; and

seniors **Mike Durishin** and **Bryson Bort** for the boys. The team was coached by **Eric Hill**.

Through the leadership of the teams captains the rest of the team was able to perform well. Other members included **Jason Pruzin**, **John Peck**, **Chris O'Rear**, **Nicklyn Gaines**, **Jacob Smith**, **Rob Koehl**, **Emma Brown**, and **Christine Tamez**.

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The 1995-1996 Cross Country team strives for success.

Bottom Row: **Edith Guevara**, **John Peck**, and **Nicklyn Gaines**.

Top Row: **Jacob Smith**, **Chris O'Rear**, **Jason Pruzin**, and **Mike Durishin**







**Rene Courbois** comes out as the end of the game comes near.

**Lauren McManus** and **Aimee Barber** give a quick smile from the sidelines.



## Lady Generals, Stick It To 'Em

The Varsity Field Hockey team, under the watchful eye of **Coach Melissa Phillips**, had a successful season with a record of 6-4-1. Led by co-captains **Christine Stewart** and **Eugenia DeLeon**, the girls placed fourth in the district. Also co-captain, **Kara Campbell**, was selected for All-Region 2nd team, along with **Christine Stewart** and **Manuela Vallejas**. The lady Generals' showed great poise this year

by beating Yorktown 1-0. **Lauren McManus** said, "Going into the game, we were determined to show our true potential."

The team members of the '95 team ranged greatly. Some of the other members were: **A. Barber**, **K. Robinson**, **S. Nichols**, **R. Courbois**, and **K. Snyder**. This elite group of athletes played very well together. With such talent, the team has high hopes for next year.



**Litzi Paredes** makes a move around a T.C. Williams defender.





# Rising Stars



**Ka Camacho** and **Ruth Lazama** take a quick picture during a break.

The J-V Field Hockey team stresses team unity and friendship.

The 1995 Junior Varsity Field Hockey team had another exciting year, under the watchful eye of **Coach Auerbach**. The team was made up of freshmen and sophomores, many of whom had never played field hockey before, but they had a lot of fun learning. The team practiced at Quincy Field from 2:30 to 4:00, Monday through Friday, except on game days (which were Tuesdays and Thursdays). The team played hard and showed improvement throughout the season. They played extremely well together, considering all of the new faces on the team.

The team looked more and more together throughout the entire season. They were led by captains

**Cindy Covarrubias** and **Kelly Snyder**. The first year players included **Kelly** and **Meghan Dougherty**, **Clare Parker**, **Elizabeth Valdes**, **Inez Rivera**, and **Alicia Martin**. The Varsity team, which finished an all-time best fourth overall in the district, should be in good hands in the future. "J-V Field Hockey was a lot of fun this year," said freshman **Inez Rivera**. "We gained a lot of experience and it showed on the playing field. We are no longer an inexperienced team. We have learned a lot, and next year we will have a lot to offer to the varsity team."



**Kelly Snyder** works hard trying to pass a Stuart defender.

The J-V team rushes to protect their home territory.





# Improving With Every Stroke

The 1995 season was a successful one for the Washington-Lee golf team. The team prospered under the supervision of **Coach Jim Hatch**. The team was led by co-captains **Derek Dalrymple** and **David Russell**.

With nine members, the team was the largest it had been in the past three years. The four leading scorers were: **Derek Dalrymple**, **David Russell**, **John Manon**, and **Steve Jeffries**. Other members of the team were juniors: **Arnie Larson**, **Paul Holland**, **Rob Knapik**, **Ted Holland**, and **Bradley Pilot**.

The team performed well at the

district championships on October 12, at Twin Lakes Golf Course; and October 13 at Mount Vernon Country Club. They placed fifth in the district, beating Stuart and rival Wakefield.

Junior **David Russell** said, "Golf is not as easy as one might expect it to be. There are many different things that have to be considered. What is interesting about golf is the fact that the players not only have to play against their opponent, but against the course as well." Each course the team played on presented many different challenges and made the players reach for new heights.

**Rob Knapik** contemplates what to do on his next shot.



Hats off to the '95-'96 Golf Team.  
Top: **A. Larson**, **T. Holland**, **P. Holland**, and **B. Pilot**  
Bottom: **D. Dalrymple**, **A. Koski-Karell**, **S. Jeffries**, and **J. Marron**

Some members of the golf team try to relax a little after a long golf match.







The Varsity Cheerleaders always have a good time getting the crowd involved.

**Laura Hartman** claps her hands to a General's cheer.



## Always Shining

The 1995-1996 Washington-Lee Varsity Cheerleading squad was as enthusiastic as ever. Under the supervision of **Coach Dawn McMahon**, they were always able to keep the crowds excited at our team sporting events this year. The team would practice every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, behind the library or inside of the gym.

The cheerleaders, led by **Bethany Williams** and **Valerie Bernado**, displayed great ability and determination throughout the many different events this year. "We didn't only cheer at the varsity football games," said junior **Kerrie Salazar**, "we cheered at many other events as well. Some of the things

we participated in were, freshmen orientation meetings, Back-to-School Night, pep rallies, and varsity basketball games." These very eager students also helped in decorating the halls and in building the floats for Homecoming.

In addition to the many different events the team participated in throughout the year, the team would wake up very early every home football game. The squad would come in at 6:30 in the morning in order to get everyone ready for that night's game. With a large number of juniors on the team, we can expect an even better 1996-1997 cheerleading squad.

**Rachel Newman, Cathy Robinson, Christy Watson, and Christine Alice** take time out to pose for a picture.

1995-96 Cheerleaders Bottom: **P. Glover, C. Robinson, V. Bernado, E. Lopacinski, K. Salazar, and L. Ricks**  
Top: **B. Williams, C. Watson, R. Newman, and L. Hartman**







## Lets Go Generals'

The 1995-1996 Washington-Lee Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad, which was led by captains **Toshiba Veney** and **Christina Robinson**, had another great year of cheering. Cheering at pep-rallies, Back-to-School night and most J-V sporting events took up most of their time. They cheered with the Varsity Cheerleaders at the Homecoming football game and one other Varsity game. These students also helped the freshmen cheerleaders cheer at the freshman football games. In addition to all of this, they also helped the varsity squad to prepare for pep-rallies by coming in at 6:00 in the morning to make posters and signs.

Many members of the J-V Cheerleading team were made up of

sophomores. These members included: **Sochita Toum**, **Jessica Price**, **Lilia Alvarado**, **Lisa Marshall**, **Choeun Hem**, **Elizabeth Jones**, and **Jessica Packett**. The squad was kept very busy despite the fact that there was not a J-V football team to cheer for, (which would have taken up most of their time).

**Ms. Dawn McMahon** helped guide these students, as the J-V head coach. The team learned many new stunts for the season. **Ms. McMahon** said, "All of the girls are very enthusiastic and full of energy."

The team worked hard throughout the entire year. They practiced Monday through Friday. The next step up to Varsity should be easy.

**Sochita Toum** and **Chheoun Hem** love each other's company.

**Christina Robinson** shows us a little of her gymnastic ability.

**Jessica Price** and **Chhoeun Hemm** hanging around together.





# A Whole New Cheer



Freshmen Cheerleading got off to a slow start this year. Because of the late tryouts, the squad was formed fairly late in the season. Led by **Coach Bellman**, the squad started off well and the girls were very excited about cheering. With great spirit and enthusiasm, the girls cheered their hearts out at all of the freshman games and at the Homecoming game.

The team had a total of ten girls on the squad this year. The squad members were: **Danielle Barrios, Sara Dao, Nila Douglas, Phuong Duong, Porsha Glover, Vocum Hem, Ana Lopez, Melissa Rufus,**

**Zania Schiller, and Maya Thomas.** **Zania Schiller** said, "The first game was a lot of fun, even though we were only cheering for the freshman football team. We had a great deal of support and I feel that our school has tremendous spirit and enthusiasm."

The team worked really hard this season. Being freshmen and entering a new school didn't stop them from advancing in high school. **Coach Bellman** felt that, "The girls were learning little by little and have what it takes to be a successful cheering squad."

The Freshmen Cheerleaders do a good job of getting the crowd into the game.

The Freshmen Cheerleaders take a break to take a picture.



This cheerleader shows off her cheering capabilities during the freshman football game.





# Swinging, Serving, and Winning

The Washington-Lee Girls' Varsity Tennis Team, led by co-captains **Valerie Bernardo** and **Beth Poplin**, started this year off where they left off last year. They only suffered two losses to rival Yorktown High School. The team was otherwise unstoppable. "Yorktown was a challenge. Even though they'd tell you differently, we were very equal in ability. In the end it came down to who wanted it more," said junior **Joanna Lederle**. Under the guidance of veteran tennis coach, **Lorenzo Alexander**, the team has recruited some new talent, and kept most of the veterans from last year's second place team.

The team's success has surprised everyone but themselves. Singles players were **Michelle Tober**, **Valerie Bernardo**, **Joanna Lederle**, **Amanda Gibbon**, **Jody Wright**, and **Catherine Christman**. Doubles teams included **Tober/Wright**, **Lederle/Gibbon**, and the undefeated pair of **Tory Mahaley** and **Sarah Bott**.

The teams impressive 10-2 record qualified

them for the regional tournament, where they suffered a loss to the defending state champions from Langley High School. "Making it to the regional tournament was such a thrill," said junior **Jody Wright**, (who had broken a bone in her heel and had to miss the beginning half of the season). "Playing in such an important tournament meant a lot to the entire team."

The girls' tennis team proved to be one of Washington-Lee's most successful teams this year. All students worked very hard in practice and it surely paid off. "We were pretty happy with our record this year," said **Jody Wright**, "but we know we can do better. We are all excited and can't wait for next season." The student body can't wait for next season either. Congratulations to the 1995-1996 Washington-Lee Varsity Girls' Tennis Team!



**Jody Wright** sets up to return a volley.



**Tory Mahaley** gets ready from the baseline.







**Joanna Lederle** awaits instructions from her coach before resuming play.

Congratulations to the 1995-96 Girls' Varsity Tennis Team  
 Bottom: **V. Bernardo, M. Tober, C. Christman** and  
**B. Giles-Kelly**  
 Top: **J. Lederle, S. Bott, J. Wright** and **Coach Alexander**



**Michelle Tober** shows us why she is so good with her serve.

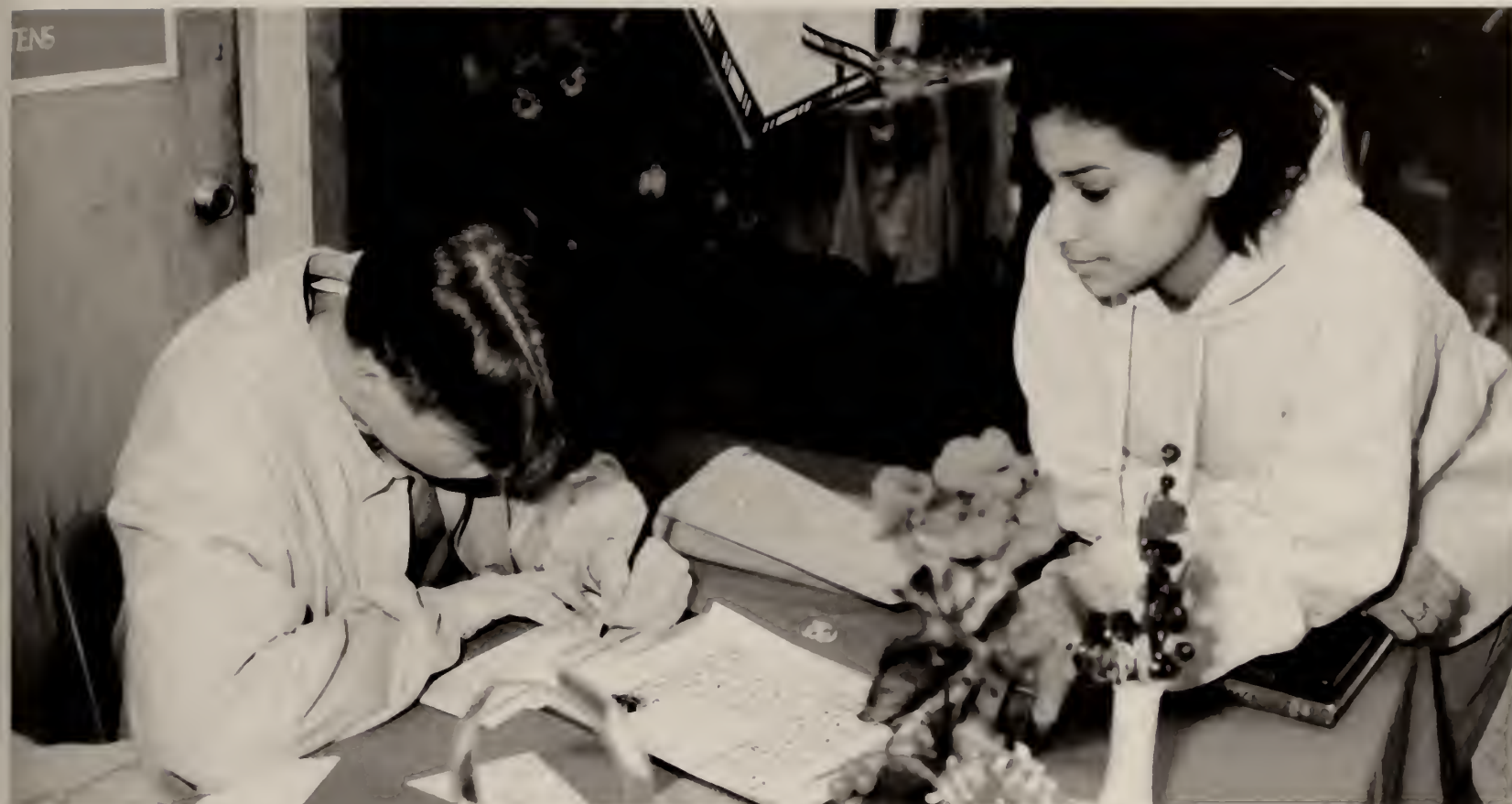
**Sarah Bott** waits to return the serve.











Another Monday morning dawned cloudy and gray. Gusts of wind rushed around the outside of the school, carrying with it snow from drifts piled high against the school's walls.....*WAIT!* Something was definitely wrong there. Washington-Lee and Snow Drifts? No, Never! Not since 1987, at least. Strange, but true. Quite a change from the normal inch or two. While the week-long break was a relief for some, it did cause some major changes in the W-L winter schedule. Teachers lost their second quarter workday, and everyone lost the President's Day break. While many people appreciated the break, some had mixed feelings. The snow gave us a great break, but I wish it didn't mean we had to go to school until Spring Break," said **Jessica Eberhart**. Freshman **Misha Krepon** said, "2-hour delays are great. School should always start at 9:30."

Winter wasn't just snow and chill at W-L. Many frosty nights, the General's Boys Varsity Basketball team seemed to be on fire. Led by senior **Tony Stanley**, the Generals were consistently ranked in the Washington Post's top 20 for the region. Several other winter sports teams had their most successful seasons in recent years.

Still, some things mother nature just couldn't change. The annual Holiday Bazaar was a success, as usual. Valentine's Day rolled around, and once again there was a variety of heartwarming choices, including the perennial favorite: The Madrigals' singing Valentines.

While winter went well for the Generals, many students felt that it dragged on for too long. The warmth of spring, when it finally came, was a welcome change.



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Orchestra director, **Theresa Jenkins**, directs her students in their Thanksgiving performance.

Senior **Sierra Casillas** gives a heart-wrenching story of what she has learned from little sister, **Merry**.



Social Studies teacher, **Mrs. Jeens**, tells the stories of successful students who got lost along the way in her speech.





# Thanksgiving

"At Thanksgiving I am most thankful for my family." -Sierra Casillas



This violinist performs for the school with the rest of the talented orchestra.

The Thanksgiving Assembly was sure to make students and teachers alike realize all they have to be thankful for during the holiday.

Terrific performances by the Madrigals and chorus (under the direction of Mrs. Klontz), and orchestra (under the direction of Theresa Jenkins), once again kept the school tremendously entertained.

**Mr. Jim Moran**, our Virginia Congressman, gave an excellent speech which was an inspiration to all students. Student speaker, **Sierra Casillas**, expressed her thankfulness towards her family and younger sister, Merry, for showing her the importance of

family. History and government teacher, **Mrs. Jeens**, gave a profound speech regarding how fast times change. She also told stories of former students and where they are today. Her speech also included an important lesson of staying true to yourself.

The Thanksgiving Assembly was especially enjoyable this year thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success. It was a definite plus to the Thanksgiving holiday. As junior **Eric Klintberg** put it, "Thanksgiving is my favorite time of the year because I like to reflect on all I have to be thankful for."

-Aimee Barber



Congressman **Jim Moran** recites his speech to Washington-Lee students.



The participants of the assembly await their turn to speak, while listening attentively.



Senior **Emma Brown** introduces each speaker.





W-L sophomore **Kelly Snyder** shows her awesome holiday spirit by sporting her reindeer antlers.

Senior **Chelsey Culley** flashes her bright smile while selling a variety of things for the African Awareness Society.



**Sidd Shukla**, along with all the other Madrigals, shows his holiday spirit by singing holiday songs for everyone.







This freshman works hard on selling their baked goods to raise money his class will need in the future.



W-L teacher, **Ms. Harris**, works at the bazaar by selling sweatshirts to help raise money form our school.



**Lisa Marshall** helps to raise money for the African Awareness Society by selling baked goods.



**Rob Knapik** offers his help at the Key Club table, serving hot dogs and drinks.

# Holiday Bazaar

**If you missed it, you missed out!**

The holiday season came upon Washington-Lee quickly this December, which meant it was time for the annual Holiday Bazaar.

Despite some snow, the day of the bazaar attracted an enourmous turn-out. There were a wide variety of clubs and organizations represented at the bazaar this year and each class was represented. There were dozens of tables filled with treasures galore.

The Santas of this year's holiday bazaar were **Mike Durishin**, and **Jesse Lynn**, both of whom successfully added to the jolly spirit of the day. Their jolly helpers were **Jessica Eberhart**, **Claudia**

**Rente**, **Laura Hartman**, **Gabrielle Riesner**, and **Melanie Guryansky**.

Everyone enjoyed the Holiday Bazaar whether they were working, shopping, or just there to get into the holiday spirit. The voices of the Madrigals were uplifting to even the weariest shoppers. Everyone, from the smallest shopper to the oldest grandmother, left with something, even if it was just a smile. The Bazaar was hailed as a success by one and all. **Claudia Rente** said, "Working at the Bazaar was a great way to get into the holiday spirit." Long live the Washington-Lee traditions!

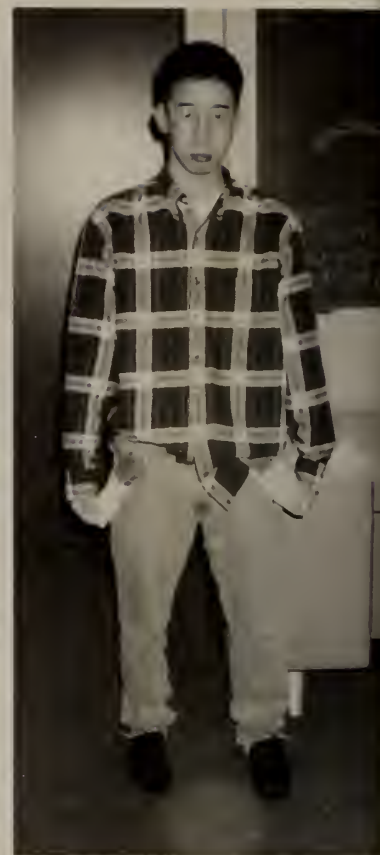




**Andre Chautard** takes it easy at his unstress-ful job at the public library.

**Cecile Remington** poses with a few of her favorite kids from the day care where she works.

Poor **Lu Duong** finds he's broke when he empties his pockets.



## Money Matters!

"Having a job is a wonderful and useful experience." -- Lakeba Ricks

With the costs of fast food lunches, gas, college applications, class and club dues, and a host of other school-related fees, students rarely have enough cash to go around. So what do they do? They apply for a part-time job and get their first taste of working in the real world.

Ballston Commons is a popular place for working students since it's so close to W-L. Said senior **Aimee Barber**, "Ballston is a convenient place to work since you don't have to worry about the hassles of transportation." Ballston is also the favorite spot for quick shopping. Says senior **Jackie Salvatierra**, "Ballston has great stores and I like seeing my

friends there when I'm shopping."

With a part-time after school job during stressful senior and junior years, how do students manage their time? "I don't know how I manage my time, but after doing it for so long it just works itself out," says senior **Faye Stylianos**.

Even though it's difficult, students know it's worth it when they receive their paychecks. Said junior **David Russell**, "I can't wait to pick up my paycheck on Tuesdays so I have money for the weekends."

So when friends come begging for some spare change so they can buy a decent lunch, one thing is clear: Money matters!

- Andre Chautard



**Tu-Anh Bui** loves working at The Wall, one of her two part-time jobs at Ballston Commons.







**Aimee Barber** works with a smile at The Limited in Ballston, the most popular place for W-L students to work.



**Laura Hartman** and **Christine Stewart** flash their cash at Taco Bell.



**Rui Barrios** checks to see if he has enough money for a fast food lunch.





## Keeping Up With the Times

Student styles change as time goes by...and we're all just trying to keep up!

All over Washington-Lee different cultures, styles, and attitudes abound. We are a school that is not made up of cookie-cutter type teenagers. We are individualists, and that's what makes our school so special. Our individualism is sparked by a desire to stand out and be noticed. Washington-Lee has something special, which many other schools lack. That special something is style and class. Whether the look you try to achieve is alternative, chic, preppy, or just laid back, (there are too many to

mention!), we are individuals and proud to be ourselves. When Senior **Elysia Ewing** was asked to describe Washington-Lee's "general" style, her reply was this, "You really can't classify W-L as being a certain way. There are just too many different types people, with different outlooks on style."

Daily you notice different clothing and hair styles from all all over the world. Washington-Lee may be just too diverse to classify styles, but walking down the halls is definitely a treat!



This couple reflects a generation full of individualism.



This General struts his stuff across the gym floor.



Senior **Raymond Lee** smiles while showing off his classy fashion sense.



**Eric Calhoun's** and **Emma Brown's** style reflects their laid back personality.







**Elysia Ewing, Kim Philley, Lara Novak**, show they have a style all their own.



This junior shows off his hip-hop fashion sense. His shirt makes a big statement-- "Get A Job!"

**Boris Benitez** and **Brian Avery** talk fashion before their next class.





# Juniors In General

It is often said and heard that Junior year is the most difficult and stressful year spent in high school. Students are finally upper classmen, dealing with the stresses and work load that comes with achieving Junior status. They discover the true meaning of vocabulary, and Mr. Wyatt's small town, freedom lovin', self-sufficient farmers. A.P. classes are almost a must, and college is just around the corner.

Of course being a Junior isn't all hard work. Students are now older; most of them are able to drive and experience exciting Arlington weekends. Curfews are extended and they're now finally at the age where they can chill at the senior get-togethers without having to hitch a ride like some undignified underclassmen.

**Christy Abizaid** enjoys her free time away from class at lunch.

*"I never really believed junior year was as difficult as everyone said. Now I understand what they meant."*

*--Mike Pino*

**Bora Lee** said, "Maybe it would be easier if we didn't have certain teachers at the same time. But somehow with the pressure of getting into college or figuring out what to do with ourselves, I don't really think so. No matter how much you do, there always seems to be more."

**Tony Valdivieso** and **Renee Courbois** can't help but smile at the sound of the final bell.

**Brad Pilot, Lu Duong,** and **Joe Eddy** take time between classes to pose for a picture



Abizaid, Cristine  
Abris, Sharon  
Abris, Sherwin  
Adkins, Robert  
Akchter, Rajina  
A'Leman, Dionisio  
Alicia, Cristina

Anderson, Anne  
Arango, Liza  
Arbelo, Veronica  
Arias, Wilner  
Armstrong, April  
Arze, Gabriela  
Ayers, Paul







Azizkeya, Ali  
 Bablu, Manjur  
 Baires, Carlos  
 Barlov, Velida  
 Baron, Anthony  
 Barton, Steven  
 Bautista, Vicky

Becerra, Zoraya  
 Becker, Cassandra  
 Berrios, Erick  
 Blanco, Daysi  
 Blitgen, Jennifer  
 Blount, David  
 Bowers, Michele

Burch, Paul  
 Burton, Christopher  
 Calderon, Ricardo  
 Calloway, Keshia  
 Calquin, Mauricio  
 Camacho, Luis  
 Campos, Daniel

Canter, Rebecca  
 Cardozo, Deisy  
 Carter, Eric  
 Castellanos, Omar  
 Castillo, Elvin  
 Castro, Carlos  
 Castro, Rodolfo

Caudron, Jean Bruce  
 Caza, Suzanne  
 Celis, Jeydy  
 Celnicker, Brandy  
 Chavarria, Tesica  
 Chavez, Larry  
 Chinchilla, Tania

Claire, Alejandro  
 Cochran, Joseph  
 Contreras, Jose  
 Contreras, Milton  
 Cortez, Francisca  
 Courbois, Renee  
 Cruz, Norma

D'Cruze, Johny  
 Dalrymple, Derek  
 Denny, Robert  
 Deynes, William  
 Diaz, Hugo  
 Dominick, Leila  
 Drayton, Maurice

Duong, Lu  
 Eddy, Joseph  
 Edwards, Erin  
 Efremova, Kristina  
 Eldridge, Teresa  
 Elouaradia, Mohame  
 Epstein, Micah

Escalante, Karla  
 Esterman, Sophia  
 Faucette, Frank  
 Fernandez, Nicholas  
 Florido, Carla  
 Fulton, Carrie  
 Gaines, Benjamin





Gaitan, Edwin  
Garcia, Jose  
Ghannam, Mousa  
Gill, Narinder  
Glover, Patrina  
Gomez, Claudia  
Gonzalez, Roberto

Gottschalk, Lisa  
Greenblat, Noah  
Guerra, Zonia  
Guevara, Albert  
Guevara, Edith  
Hadary, Michael  
Hadiji, Nessim

Halliday, David  
Hammond, Travis  
Harvey, Charmain  
Hatchuel, Noe  
Hawley, Jeffrey  
Heatley, Jack  
Hernandez, David

Herreia, Aroldo  
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Ho, Trang  
Holland, Paul  
Hollar, Gillian  
Huapya, Lisbeth  
Hunter, Christopher

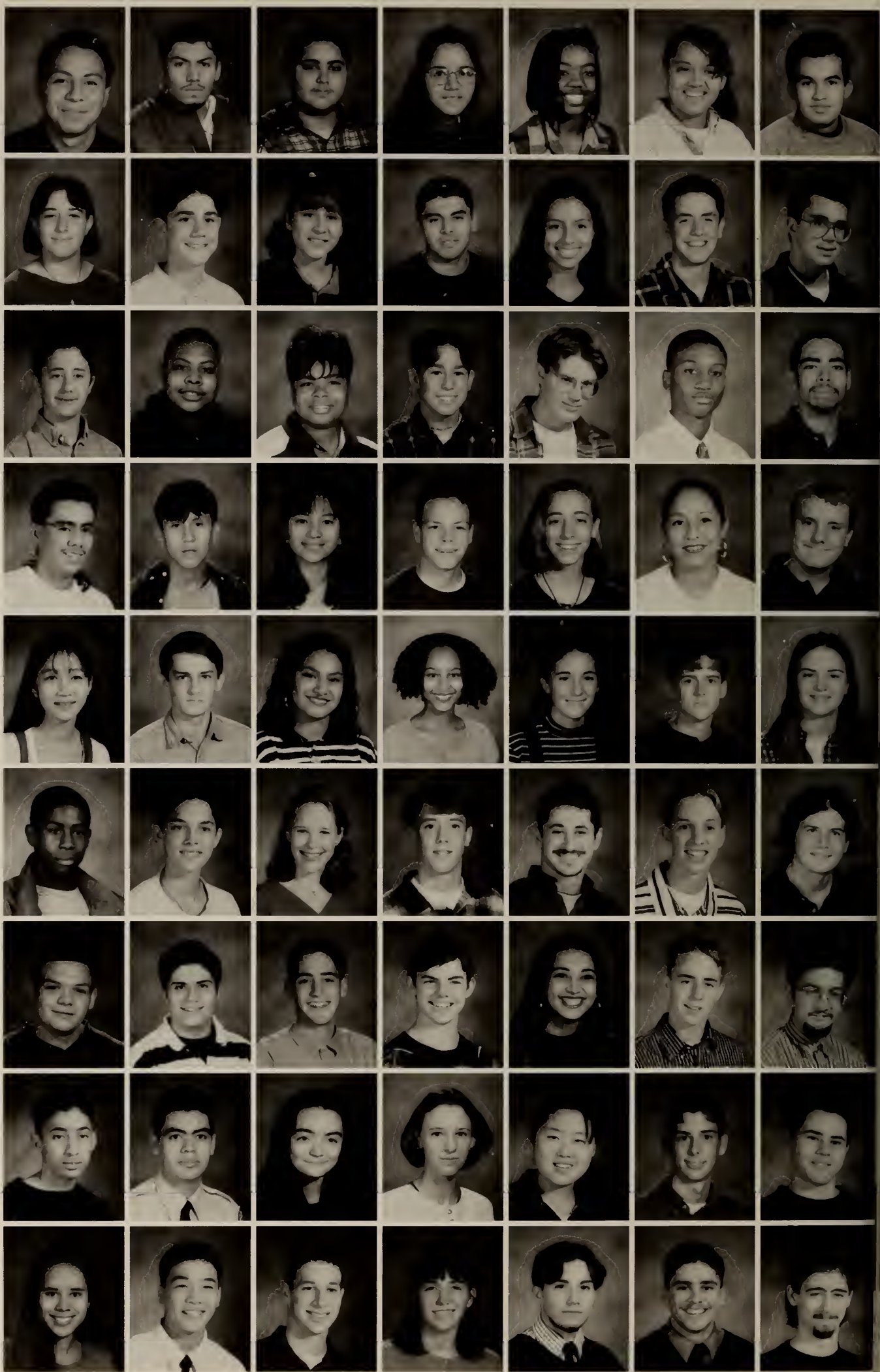
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Jenson, Kristin

Karim, Cenus  
Keating, Owen  
Keller, Many  
Kikel, Jonathan  
Kirtan, James  
Klintberg, Eric  
Knapik, Robert

Knott, Eric  
Ksaybati, Tarek  
Kunze, Patrick  
L'Hommedieu, Jared  
Labriny, Laila  
Larson, Arnold  
Lassell, David

Lazo, Michael  
Lazo, Jeova  
Le Tri, Aurelia  
Lederle, Joanna  
Lee, Bora  
Lengle, Michael  
Leon, Glauco

Lopacinski, Erica  
Lu, Minh Tri  
Mallon, Patrick  
Malloy, Christine  
Martin, Louis  
Martinez, George  
Mason, Lawrence







Moten, Larnice  
Morris, Jacob  
Morgan, Foster  
Mijango, Reyna  
Mijango, Miguel  
Meyer, Meredith  
Merida, Claudia

Mercado, Julio  
Mendez, Omar  
Melgar, Oscar  
Mejia, Brenda  
Medrano, Jesus  
McNamee, Kathleen  
Matute, Isaac

## Junior Class Officers

The leading force behind the junior class is its officers. Junior class President, **Anne Jensen**, was assisted this year by **Kerrie Salazar** as Vice-President, **Tarek Ksaybati**, as Treasurer, **Lakeba Ricks** as Secretary, Senators, **Lu Duong**, **Bora Lee**, **Cassie Turner** and **Jody Wright**, as well as School Board Representative, **Nindy Gill**. The junior class sponsor was **Mrs. Christine Van Kirk**.

The junior class officers faced the difficult task of organizing various fund-raisers so that the class

of 1997 would have a bright future at Washington-Lee. So far, the class of 1997 has accomplished a lot. The Juniors learned what the Homecoming dance is all about after helping the seniors set up. Junior class officers worked diligently to raise both money and spirit among students. With the numerous fundraisers this year, the junior class is well on its way to a great Prom.

The Enthusiasm of the junior class officers has proven to be the best! Keep up the good work Class of 1997!



**la Dominick**, **Tarek Ksaybati**, and **Kerrie Salazar** attentively as a class meeting progresses.

Junior class officers pose for a group picture after one of their many meetings.



Junior class Senator **Lu Duong** has proven that he's a major asset to his class.





# Oh, What A Night

The Class of 1997 was eager to show their General Spirit this year at Homecoming. Juniors took a close third place in both the hall decorating and float contests. Many hours were spent after school preparing for these events. The Juniors turned their hall into a scene of underwater excitement, with the theme of "Sink the Raiders."

Representing the Junior class as homecoming attendants were; **Lu Duong, Erica Lopancinski, Gary Vasquez, and Maggie Lezama.**

**Erica Lopancinski** said, "I felt very privileged to be chosen by my peers to be one of the homecoming attendants for this year. It was quite an honor to be able to stand up in front of our school and represent our Junior class. All in all it

was very exciting for me."

The dance itself was also a night to remember. Many students arrived early, psyched and ready to dance the night away. Others showed up later after enjoying dinner at one of Washington's many fine restaurants.

"I think that Homecoming is special because there is no pressure to go with a date. You can go out to dinner with a group of friends and do not feel awkward about it," said **Leila Dominick.**

All in all, this year's Homecoming was an event to remember. It was truly a success, thanks to everyone's hard work and dedication to their class. Too bad that "Stairway to Heaven" was the last song!



The Homecoming attendants show off their stuff as they make their way around the track during the pre-game parade.

**Leila Dominick, Tycie Young, and Kathleen McNamee** pose for a picture during the Homecoming dance.

**Chris Tyre** shows off his moves during the dance.







**Lu Duong, Erica Lopacinski, Maggie Lezama, and Gary Vasquez** show off their Homecoming attire during half-time at the game.

**Anne Jensen**, as drum major, leads the band during the Homecoming half-time show.



The Juniors show their spirit with their float -- "Raid the Raiders."

**Cassie Turner** spends her free time helping her class out on their float.





Munoz, Maria  
 Musser, Robert  
 Naranjo, Yasmin  
 New, Erin  
 Newman, Rachel  
 Nina, Gary  
 Oh, Chin Su

Ovando, Marco  
 Pak, Jin  
 Pascasio, Carlos  
 Patel, Achyut  
 Paudel, Prashanta  
 Penaloza, Ismael  
 Penning, Anna

Petta, Alicia  
 Pho, Hoang  
 Pilot, Bradley  
 Pino, Michael  
 Poplin, Gerald  
 Postigo, Edmundo  
 Puri, Vivek

Puryear, Anthony  
 Qazei, Najiba  
 Quay, Christopher  
 Ranero, Hector  
 Reyes, Hector  
 Ricks, Lakeba  
 Rigopoulos, Mark

Rivera, Michel  
 Rodriques, Jeimy  
 Ronquillo, Bianca  
 Rouse, Philip  
 Roy, Jason  
 Ruiz, Luz  
 Ruiz, Pedro



# Juniors Show Their Spirit

This year the Juniors showed their spirit with pride. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Black and White Day, Wednesday was Crazy Day, Thursday was College Day, and Friday, of Course, was Blue and Grey Day. The class of 1997 always likes to dress up and show their spirit, and this year was no exception.

"For me Spirit Week is a time for everybody in the school to ignore all fashion rules and show our spirit," said **Tony Valdivieso**.

Dressing up for Spirit Week is not the only part of the Juniors' Spirit. Many Juniors worked dili-

gently at the float decorating parties and Juniors were at school until late into the night finishing up the hall decorations.

This year the Juniors took a close third in both the hall decorations and in the float competition. The hall decorating got out of control when the Junior hall was destroyed by the Seniors in the middle of the night. The Juniors always love coming to school to find their lockers coated in Vaseline. There's nothing better than going to first period with you're hands covered in this greasy substance.



Anne Jensen and Christine Alicea pose for a picture with class sponsor, Mrs. Van Kirt during hall decorations.





This group of Juniors showed off their pajamas on Pajama Day.



Patrick Kunze and Renee Courbois are only two of the many Juniors that chose to show their spirit on Pajama Day.



Noah Greenblat shows his General spirit by wearing his V Tech sweatshirt on College Day



Russell, David  
Ryan, Gina Marie  
Saiquita, Ariel  
Salazar, Kerrie  
Salgado, Gloria  
Salinas, Olivia  
Samee, Uzma

Sanchez, Azael  
Sanjines, Rosa  
Sari, Steven  
Sarivannar, Manilay  
Sayarath, Ty  
Schiller, Mika  
Scholes, Tiffany

Scorza, Sara Maria  
Sehmi, Mantej  
Seikaly, Katherine  
Sheldon, Thaddeus  
Shafi, Rukhsana  
Shapard, Corinna  
Shorter, Leela

Smith, Andrew  
Solander, Adam  
Soria Galvarro, Len  
Stanard, Jason  
Stelmach, Kamila  
Steward, Marcus  
Stroble, Timothy

Subhan, Fazal  
Sura, Luis  
Thornburgh, Gloria  
Torrez, Jose  
Tran, Minh  
Tschetter, Matthew  
Turcios, Blanca





# Driving Juniors Wild

Sitting through drivers education, watching those gory 70's driving films, observing another student driver while risking your life in the back seat -- these things have all paid off for many Juniors. The time has come... They are driving!

For many Juniors, this is the first year that they can drive to school. The student parking lot is loaded with "Junior" wheels. Those who don't want to pay the ten dollars to park in the student lot park on the 66 lot.

Juniors who drive to school often take their changes escaping from school during lunch to go to one of the area's fast food restaurants.

For many Juniors, driving means more freedom. Driving to school, football games, and dates are all advantages of having a car. Not having your parents drive you around on dates is also a good feeling. Many Juniors have discovered that having a car also means running errands, buying gas, and shuttling younger brothers and sisters. Still, the advantages of having a car outweigh the disadvantages.

**Tarek Ksaybati** said, "Driving is a great freedom for me. I can go anywhere with out having to get someone to give me a ride there."

**Anna Penning** smiles at the thought of finally being able to drive home after a long day at school.

**Lisa Gottschalk** and **Anne Jensen** take a minute to relax in the back of a car during lunch.



Turner, Cassandra  
Tyre, Christopher  
Urruita, Jose  
Valdivieso, Tony  
Vallejos, Manuela  
Vargas, Yesenia  
Vasquez, Gary

Villatoro, Jackelyn  
Walton, Johann  
Walton, Jonathan  
Watson, Christie  
Watts, Michelle  
Wells, Kathryn  
Williams, Maitreya

Woodall, Nyniece  
Wright, Jody  
Xinxola, Marta  
Yabar, Eric  
Young, Charlotte  
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Yuzeovich, Igor

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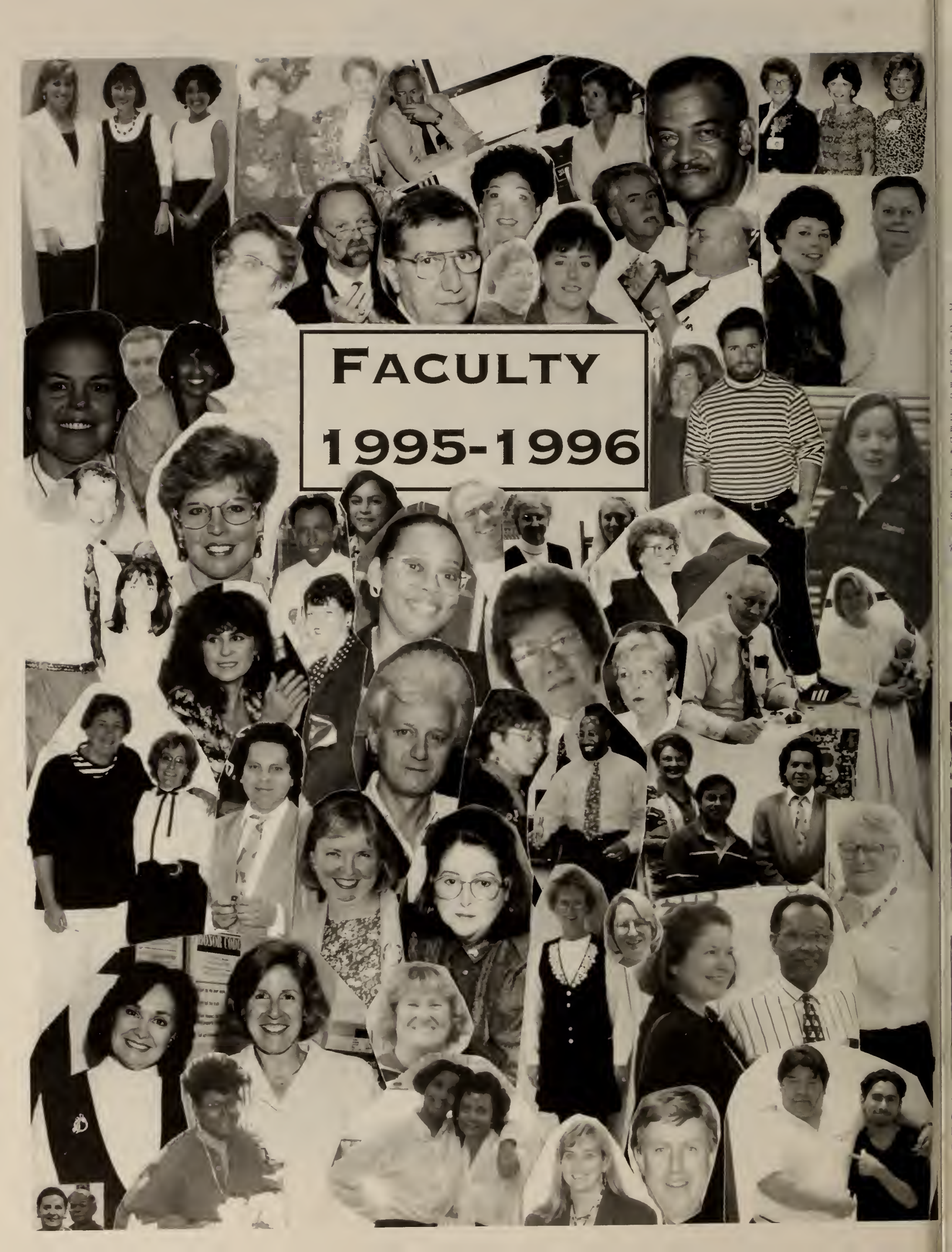
**Ian Hollar, Anne Isen, and Cory Shepard** share their lunch with a friend.

**Cassie Turner** poses for a picture before driving home from school.

**Robert Denny** shows off his car during lunch time.







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Dear Seniors,

Classes, school activities, performing groups, clubs, sports, just "hanging out," and friends--this is the high school scene, especially during the senior year. I know it is hard to believe that four years of high school are now ending but look at it as the "beginning of the rest of your life". What lies ahead for you is a very bright future and you are prepared to meet the many challenges of the 21st Century.

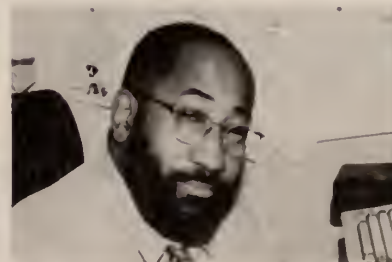
In the coming years you will refer back to this book for a laugh, a heart-warming memory, and to "see what you looked like back then". Occasionally, a tear may come to your eye. Regardless, it will be a book that you will treasure.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and bright future.

Best of everything to you!

Sincerely,

*William J. Sharbaugh*  
William J. Sharbaugh



The administrators of Washington-Lee stand under an historic tree. L to R: **Margarita Cruz**, **James Crawley**, **Darnell Bethel**, **Dr. William Sharbaugh** (Principal), **Barry Huitema**, **Lillian Carter**. Lower photo: The administrators attempt to run then walk instead.

Top left to bottom right: Assistant Principal **James Crawley**, has served W-L for over 20 years. **Mr. Barry Huitema**, the new activities director, takes a break from typing. Assistant Principal, **Darnell Bethel**, looks snappy. New Assistant Principal, **Margarita Cruz**, has adjusted well to the friendly W-L environment.





# Mrs. Jeens--Arlington's Teacher of the Year

"Ready... Aim... Shame!!!!"

Few teachers have managed to stay young at heart for as long as Mrs. Peggy Jeens. Mrs. Jeens herself remarks that she "hasn't yet grown up." On the other hand, one of her students remarked, "She is one of a dying breed here at Washington-Lee." She is a Southerner with a real Southern accent. Students and teachers alike marvel at her ceaseless Southern charm. Her teaching style reflects this upbeat attitude, and 29 years of history and government students have labored without

mercy under her excellent tutelage. The PTA regards her as "a natural leader and a person with vision." She has organized the Freshmen Connection Program, the most recent of her many accomplishments at W-L. She is also the recipient of the prestigious *Washington Post* Agnes Meyer Award. Deservedly then, Mrs. Jeens was awarded the Arlington Public School's most prestigious award: the Teacher of the Year award.

Mrs. Jeens' secret for success:  
"My husband is a saint."

- John Cameron Peck



**Mrs. Jeens** poses with her husband at a reception honoring her accomplishments.



**Mrs. Jeens.** What more can you say?



**Bassler, Sally** - B.A., M.Ed., University of Utah, George Mason University; English 9 Intensified, English 12, English Transition, Staff Council, Freshman Connection Coordinator.

**Bauman, Edyn** - B.A., American University, MAT, George Mason University; English Reading Writing Skills Center; School Probation Counselor, S.A.D.D. Co-Sponsor.

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**Belk, Rocky** - B.A., University of Miami, Florida International University, George Mason University; Health and Physical Education, Head Football Coach.



**Brown, Charolette** - Treasurer, Main Office.

**Carter, Lillian** - Director of Counseling Services

**Cauthen, Rick** - Resource, Softball.

**Celusniak, Theresa** - B.S., Marywood College, M.S., NOVA University (Fla.); Foods Management I,II, Child Development I,II, Clothing Management I,II,III,IV, Family & Independent Living; Future Homemakers of America, International Club Co-sponsor, Home Economics Department Chairman.

**Albers, Les** - B.A., M.A., M.Ed. Hofstra University, Central Michigan University, Marymount University; VA/US Government and History.

**Audant, Karen** - B.A. Catholic University, M.A. Catholic, Special Studies, University of Valencia, Spain; Spanish II.

**Auerbach, Colleen** - B.S., M.S. Virginia Commonwealth University, George Mason University; Exercise Science, Physical Education II; Assistant Field Hockey Coach.

**Barclay, Clare** - B.A., M.Ed., Kent State University, George Mason University; Guidance Counselor.



**Bentley, Tony** - Norfolk State University, Diploma, W-L High School; Special Education Department Assistant; Boys Head JV Basketball Coach; Spring Intramural Director.

**Bonaccorso, Nancy Tull** - Northern Virginia Community College; Educational/Instructional.

**Bratton, Shirley** - Diploma, W-L H.S., Strayer College; Secretary to the Principal.

**Brown, Bernard** - Special Education Assistant.





**Chisnell, Thomas** - ISS, Crew Coach.

**Clyburn, James** - B.A., M.A., Ed.S., Benedict College, University of Maryland, Howard University; Student Resource Center, Phy. Science, Integrated Math, SRC Math, Freshman Connection Adviser.

**Colcello, Rosa** - B.A., Western Michigan University, M.A., Trinity College, University of Virginia; Guidance Counselor, School Social Worker, Spanish, Peer Mediation.

**Contreras, Simon** - B.A., M.A., George Washington University; Spanish I, III, Spanish V.S. II; W-L Human Relations Representative, W-L Cosmopolitan Club Sponsor, Hispanic Dance Group Sponsor, **Voices Hispanoamericanas** Literary and Cultural Magazine Editor.



**Jobson, Bob** - Interlude, Basketball Coach.

**Jans, Astocha** - B.S., Allen University, M.A., George Mason University; Math Skills Specialist, Virginia Math League.

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**Jall, Joyce** - Northern Virginia Community College, Diploma, W-L H.S.; Library Secretary, Social Studies Secretary.



**Javin, Robin** - Deans Offices.

**Jecr, Sylvia** - B.A., Grinnell, M.Ed., George Mason University; Special Ed.

**Jibbon, Meg** - Probability/Statistics, Advanced Algebra II, Algebra I, II, Real World APS.

**Joldblatt, Leonard** - Guidance Counselor.



**Jadji, Mouldi** - M.A.T., M.S., Ph.D., Licncsc cs-lettres, University of Tunis, School of International Training, Georgetown University; French Club sponsor, Muslim Youth Club sponsor; French V AP, French VI AP, French I, II.

**Jarmon, Margaret** - B.S., M.Ed., The College of William and Mary; Guidance Counselor.

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**Jarris, Brenda** - B.S., Southern University at Baton Rouge; Physical Education.



**Crockett, Kevin** - Photography.

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**Dawson, Denise** - B.S., M.S., Bernard M. Baruch College; Advanced Certif. in Educational Administration Supervision.. Brooklyn College; Yearbook Adviser Business Department: computers.

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**Jenkins, Theresa** - B.A., Wheaton College, M.S., Long Island University, Hofstra University; W-L Orchestra Director, Arlington Youth Symphony Director.

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**Kenefake, Thomas** - B.A., King's College; Biology.



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**Lenches, Elsa** - B.A., M.A., USC, University of the Philippines, M.A., UCLA, Ph.D., Georgetown University; HILT.

**Leverton, Marianne** - B.A., Nazareth College of Rochester; Registrar.



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**Mangan, Ailenda** - Special Education Chair.

**Martin, Mary** - B.A., Longwood College; English 9 GT, English 12 AP; Philosophy Club.

**Mason, Beth** - B.A., M.Ed., Juniata College, Marymount University; Resource English and Reading; Key Club.



**Harris, Margaret** - A.A., Northern Virginia Community College; Secretary--Matl Office.

**Hatch, James** - B.A., LaSalle University, M.A., Glassboro State University; English 9 12; Varsity Golf.

**Hawkins, Germaine** - B.S., University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, M.A., North Carolina Central University; Guidance Counselor; African Awareness Society Co Sponsor.

**Imbrescia, Fran** - B.S., California State College, M.T.S., Catholic University of America; Mathematics.



**Klontz, Mary Hannah** - B.M., University of Akron, M.M., Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester; Madrigals, Advanced Choir, Chorus, Jazz Vocal Ensemble; Music Theory, Piano; Student Musical Adviser.

**LaBarbera, Marilyn** - B.S., M.Ed., University of Southern Mississippi; Biology Resource, Biology Integrated; Freshmen Connection.

**LaRue, Maria Elena** - Resource Assistant, Spanish, Hispanic Parents, Spanish Parent Coordinator.

**Lech, Jacqueline** - B.A., University of Scranton, M.Ed., George Washington University; Interlude Classes.



**Levine, Joanne** - B.S. Berea College, Indiana University; Computer Applications I, Office Technology II; COE. Club Sponsor.

**Lipsky, Richard** - Tech. Ed. Department Chairman.

**Lopez, Carole** - B.A., M.Ed., American University, George Mason University; Guidance Counselor; Welcome to W-L Club, Project Gamas.

**Machacek, Maryanne** - B.S., Russell State College, University of Rochester; Nurse Clinic



**Massaro, Melinda** - B.S. Central Connecticut State University; Accounting, Word Processing; Technology Committee Chair; Freshman Connection

**Matos, Gladys** - Guidance/English Secretary.

**McMahon, Dawn** - B.S., State University of NY at Albany, M.A., University of Stony Brook; Cheerleading Coach, Int. Biology, Earth Space, Physics.

**McNamara, Rich** - B.S., University of Notre Dame, M.S., Bettis Reactor Engineering School, M.Ed., George Washington University; Physics, Real World Maps.





# Spirited Teachers Show Pride in W-L



**Ms. Miller smiles** for the camera in her College Day outfit.

**Mrs. La Barbera, Mrs. VanKirk, Ms. Warner, and Mr. Garcia** show off their jammies and robes on Pajama Day.

The W-L faculty this year showed their enormous school spirit during the traditional Homecoming spirit week. Teachers were fond of Pajama Day since they could just roll out of bed and work comfortably in their sleepwear all day long. They showed style with elegant outfits on Black and White Day and then got a little zany on Crazy Day.

College Day provided an opportunity for faculty to show their loyalty to their alma matters, while on Blue and Gray Day everyone got into the spirit and cheered on the Generals. "It's a great way for teachers to connect with students and also have a lot of fun," said SCA sponsor Mrs. Morris. Congratulations to the faculty for helping to make spirit week a success.

- Andre Chautard

**Medlen, Anna** - Algebra II/Trig., Algebra I, Principles of Geometry.  
**Miller, Ginger** - B.A., The College of William and Mary, M.T., University of Richmond, W-L H.S. graduate; English Transition, 12th Gr. Co-Sponsor, Y.E.S., Freshman Connection.  
**Mon, James** - B.S., California State College; Mathematics, Varsity Wrestling.  
**Moorhead, Lucy** - B.S., Norfolk State College, University of Virginia, Trinity College; Marketing Education; D.E.C.A. Sponsor.



**Morris, Barbara** - English 10 Int., Reg., Crossed Sabres Advisor, Member: Quill and Scroll, SCA Advisor.

**Mulhern, James** - Health & Physical Education I, Adaptive Physical Education, Drivers Education.

**Murray, Mike** - B.A., George Mason University, diploma, W-L H.S.; World History. VA/U.S. Government; International School Committee. Freshman Connection, Roller Hockey Club Sponsor.

**Murray, Robert** - B.S., Penn State University; Algebra I, II, Calculus; Senior Class Sponsor.



**Oester, Joan** - Alhight Art School, B.F.A., University of New York, B.A., University of Virginia, M.A.; English 11, 12.

**Oocera, Wyatt** - B.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, M. A.T., UNC Chapel Hill, VA, The American University; Resource Teacher for Gifted; National Honor Society Advisor.

**Sso, Jeanne** - Mary Washington College, University of Cincinnati; College-Conservatory of Music, B.I.S., M.Ed., George Mason University; W-L Organization of HILT students.

**Alacios, Gloria** - B.S., MA., University of Illinois, University of Northern Iowa; ESL/Spanish; Hilt Department Resource Specialist.



**Paravastu, Padma** - HILT.

**Paterson, Ronald** - B.S., Lock Haven State University, M.Ed., University of Delaware; VA U.S. History, VA US Government; School Probation Counselor, Co-Sponsor--S.A.D.D., Social Studies Honor Society, Social Studies Department Chair.

**Peters, David** - English.

**Pleas-Humbert, Irene** - Traphage School of Fashion, B.S., College of New Rochelle, M.A., George Washington University; Special Education, English, Inst. Skills, VA US History, World History; African Awareness Society Co-Sponsor.





# W-L Heartily Welcomes IB Program

One of the most important changes that happened at W-L this year was the arrival of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Faculty and students alike were excited about the academically rigorous program coming to W-L. On October 10, 1995, three visitors from the IB Organization visited the school to formally approve implementation of the program beginning in 1996-1997.

Mr. David Ogden, Mr. Robert Stone, and Ms. Diana Brantley were treated to a breakfast hosted by the PTA upon their arrival. After touring the school and making suggestions, the three visitors attended a catered lunch where they discussed the IB program with school board

members and senior W-L staff members.

The afternoon reception in the commons that was open to all interested staff and students was a great success. The visit culminated in a gala breakfast the next morning sponsored by the Spanish Heritage Committee which clearly displayed W-L's "General's Pride."

W-L, designated by an Arlington Journal poll as the county's most popular school, voted last year to implement the IB program. The program offers intensive courses and possible college credit.

Everyone involved in organizing the program was especially proud of the support that came from all parts of the community.

--Andre Chautard



IB Coordinator **Mrs. Leeb** poses with parent and two prospective IB students at a after school reception to welcome IB program visitors.



**Dr. Sharbaugh** reflects for moment on Dr. **David Ogden's** words of wisdom.



**Rojas, Patricia** - Main Office/Foreign Language Secretary.

**Rondon, Irene** - B.A., The University of the Sacred Heart, M.A., Trinity College; W-L Spanish since 1983; Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club sponsor.

**Root, Natalie** - A.B., San Diego State University; VA/US Government AP.

**Santa Cruz, Rita** - University of San Seinoia; ISS/Main Office.

**Rabasa, M.** - B.A., Wheaton College, University of Virginia; Spanish for Fluent Speakers, Spanish II, HILT A, B, HILT-X.

**Rivera, Betty** - B.S., M.A., Catholic University of Puerto Rico, University of Phoenix; Spanish II, III, VA/US History.

**Robinson, Alexander** - B.M., Virginia State University, M.Ed., Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Maryland, Bowie State University; Int., Adv. Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Beg., Int., Adv. Guitar; Director of W-L Bands, Music Department Chairman.

**Rodger, Christopher** - B.S. Alfred University, M.A.T., Duke University; Earth Space Science.



**Scalia, Mary** - German.

**Schelstrate, Tom** - B.S., M.S., Ph.D., Northern Arizona University, Southern Illinois University; Sociology, HILT-X World History, International School Committee Chairman.

**Schuer, Elizabeth** - B.A. George Mason University; Guidance Department.

**Seldonridge, Sandy** - Guidance Intern.



**Shoham, Andrea** - B.S., M.A., Emerson, NY University; Speech-Language Pathologist.

**Sotack, Texanne Amstutz** - B.S., M.S. Ed., Stephen F. Austin State University, University of Virginia; Chemistry, Environmental Club Sponsor.

**Southard, Arlene** - B.S., M.S., Old Dominion University; Geometry, Calculus, Algebra; Mathematics Department Chair.

**Southard, Gary** - B.A. Emory & Henry College; Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Functions.





**Spicer, Audrey** - B.S., M.A., Howard University; Reading Specialist Certification, University of Pennsylvania; African Awareness Society Sponsor; Social Studies.

**Thoburn, Carl** - B.S., The Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, Kent University, George Mason University, University of Virginia; Algebra I, Geometry, General Math.

**Thomas, Carole** - Attendance.

**Thomas, Susan** - B.S., University of Northern Colorado, M.Ed., University of Wyoming; Integrated English, VA/US Government, **Race for the Cure Co-Chairman**



**Varn, Celita** - B.A., George Washington University, Ed.D., The American University; Biology; Science Research Club Sponsor, W-L Virginia Junior Academy of Science Sponsor.

**Vasquez, Dama Garate** - Museo Social Argentino, Georgetown University; Resource Counselor, Latin American Students Association.

**Vollin-Reed, Sharon** - B.S., Norfolk State University, M.S., Clark-Atlanta University; Librarian.

**Walden, Tom** - M.A., Morehead State University, B.S., Georgetown College; Astronomy, Physics, Earth Science.



**Williams, Kathy** - Attendance.

**Wyatt, Tim** - B.A., M.A., West Virginia University, VA/US History, VA/US History AP.

**Yeralta, Joseph** - B.I.S., George Mason University; New York City Police Dept., Arlington County Police Dept.; Youth Resource Officer, S.A.D. D. Co-Sponsor.



**Torrico, Julio** - HILT Resource.

**Uveges, Roderick** - B.A., M.Ed., Emory & Henry College, University of Virginia; Geometry, Computer Science; Computer Club Sponsor, Chess Club Sponsor

**VanKirk, Christine** - B.A., University of Notre Dame, M.A., University of South Florida; SRC Math, Integ. English 10; Student Resource Teacher, Junior Class Sponsor

**Varga, Lisa** - B.S. in Library Science and Educational Media, James Madison University; M.S. in Library Science, Catholic University; Librarian in Arlington Schools since 1984.



**Weinhardt, Tom** - B.S., Valparaiso University, M.S., Ohio State; Int. Chemistry, AP Biology; Sociology, Psychology; National Honor Society Adviser, Science Department Chair.

**Weisand, Pam** - Special Education.

**Whelan, James** - M.A., George Mason University, B.A., University of Tennessee; Special Education, Integ. Earth Science, Keyboarding, SRC English.

**Wilde, Karen** - Ph.D., Catholic University, M.A., University of Michigan, B.A., Ohio University; German II, III, AP-IV.



## Faculty Not Pictured

Barrow, Virginia (Attendance)

Bawa, Vinoo (Psychology)

Bickelhaupt, Joan (Art)

Calandra, Katherine (Cafeteria Manager)

Cardozo, Odalis (Music/Special Ed.)

Cardwell, Terry (Physical Therapy)

Chandle, Lorenzo (Math)

Corbes, Scott (Resource)

Frankenfeld, Marianela (Foreign Language)

Jefford, Helen (Special Ed.)

Koltz, Barbara (Psychology)

Kill, Eric (Job Placement, Track, X-Country)

Napolitano, Jessie (Special Ed.)

Nole, Suzie (Clinic)

Phillips, Charles (Special Ed.)

Porcha, George (Special Ed.)

Powell, Mary Ann (Art)

Santamaria, Elvia (Spanish)

Santos, Edgardo (Drug Counselor)

Shah, Adrienne (Latin)

Snow, Robert (Swimming Pool)

Spanos, George (HILT)

Spicer, Gary (Art)

Stoll, Dr. (Psychology)

Taylor, Karen (Athletic Trainer)

Thomas, Jim (Swimming Pool)

Turner, Carolyn (Social Worker)

Ubben, Mandy (Physical Therapist)

Watson, Judith (HILT Athletics)

A special thanks to the Custodial and Cafeteria staff, who chose not to appear in this year's annual. The Cafeteria ladies, in particular, should be honored for their many, many years of service at W-L.





# 20 Years of Excellence

The Wind of change blows, strait into the face of time ---Scorpions

Certain years have their equivalents in history. In the long history of Washington-Lee, 1996 most definitely pairs up with 1976 in terms of change. Twenty years ago, a new principal took office, and a modern, although physically unattractive, academic environment was installed. These changes were a revolutionary departure from the traditional teaching methods of the old Washington-Lee. Nevertheless, by the "guiding hand" of Dr. Sharbaugh and his excellent faculty the school continues to stay ahead in the race for excellence.

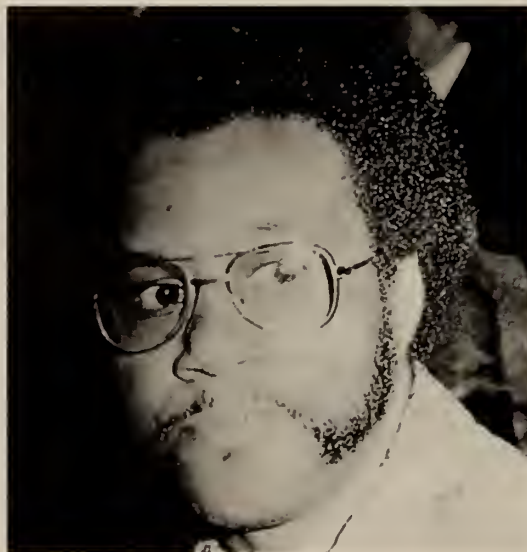
Twenty years later, freshly painted walls and new flags are harbingers of what will soon sweep every aspect of this school---the International Baccalaureate Program, which will draw the best and brightest students from around the county willing to take on the highest academic challenge. Just as 1976 brought sweeping changes in academics, so shall the coming year. Other recent changes include those darned boundary changes, and a fresh batch of freshmen to pick on.

Dr. Sharbaugh's twenty years at Washington-Lee have definitely proved successful, despite **change**.

—John Peck



Power passed peacefully between former principal **Dr. O. U. Johansen** (bottom left) and **Dr. Sharbaugh** (above) in 1976, 20 years ago. Dr. Sharbaugh has since continued W-L's long tradition of "excellence in education." In 1985 the school received high honors from the U.S. Dept. of Education (bottom right). **Mr. Crawley** grows an afro (bottom center).







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## WASHINGTON-LEE HIGH SCHOOL



In 1976 the main section of W-L ( built in 1925) was demolished to facilitate modernization efforts; this was, however, shortsighted. Students and teachers today compete for space in the new building. Here are scenes from the not too distant past and present.





**Coach Dobson** rallies the team together before the end of practice.

Congratulations to the 1995-96 Washington-Lee Varsity Basketball team on an incredible season.



The Varsity Team lines up for a drill during practice.

**Eric Calhoun** makes a basket for an easy two points.





# Pass it! Shoot it! Dunk it!

Pass it! Shoot it! Dunk it! Come hard or don't come at all. This year the Washington-Lee Generals' varsity boys basketball team, full of energetic sophomores, juniors, and seniors, started off their season with three days of head-to-head, competition-filled tryouts. Led by Coach Bobby Dobson, 25 enthusiastic (and a little nervous) young men were cut down to the 15 varsity Generals we have now.

The team started off their season with two scrimages of which they won both. The first scrimmage was held here at Washington-Lee against Oakton (the score was 114-107). The second scrimmage, which was also won by Washington-Lee, was against Spingarn. The Generals dominated the game throughout every quarter.

This year's team was led by many outstanding athletes. This year's captains were, Tony "Silky Smooth" Stanley and Jarreau McFail.

Once again our basketball team amazed us with their quick moves, fast thinking players and the unity of the team. Captain Jarreau McFail said, "This year's strong point was the unity and togetherness of the team."

All of the boys on this year's varsity basketball team contributed to what became one of Washington-Lee's most successful seasons. Third year basketball player, and first year varsity member, Alan Zebrak said, "A lot is expected of us this year. Our team has a lot of confidence though and should be able to live up to those expectations." Coach Bobby Dobson said, "This is a hard working and enthusiastic group of student athletes." Third year varsity member, senior Tony "Silky Smooth" Stanley stressed the point that, "This year's team is focused and dedicated. We are working harder than we did the year before, and are doing well."



Tony Stanley shows his leaping ability with an easy dunk, a skill he often employs in a game.

Alan Zebrak, Eric Calhoun and Jarreau McFail line up to run laps around the gym. Getting in trouble again guys?





# Working Their Way Up

The 1995 - 1996 Junior Varsity Basketball team, which was led by captains **Steven Rogers**, **Jerod Bort**, and **Ty Kaing** started the season off with a number of intense tryouts, in order to reduce the size of the team to what is required. The team, as always, looked to have overall strength as well as individual standouts. Led by a number of players from last year's superb freshman team, team members were looking forward to an excellent season. With a year of high school level basketball under their belts, they are looking to not make the same mistakes as they did last year.

With **Coach Bentley** calling the plays, and a nucleus of much young talent, the team had a successful year and will help the varsity team tremendously in the years to come. The teams practiced every day for two hours a day except for Sunday.

Other members of the team were: **Thomas Coles**, **Steven Cook**, **Frank Evans**, **Scott Herbert**, **Shamar Johnson**, **Wayne Ledinh**, **Dan McGill**, **Matt Quattlebaum**, **Richard Richardson**, **Jason Scott**, **Chris Trahant** and **Patrick Valdez**. **Darrell Jones** was the team manager.



Dan McGill and Scott Herbert look on during a game.

Wayne Ledinh dribbles towards the basket.

Thomas Coles plays tough defense.

Ty Kaing drives past a Mclean defender.







Andy Jones fires away.

Curtis Moses takes a foul shot



## Hoop Dreams

This year's boys Freshman Basketball Team, under the leadership of **Coach Willis**, practiced six days a week. The practices contributed greatly to a unified and cooperative team. This year's captains were: **Nick Cannon, Costa Spraggins,** and **Peter Wagoner**. The team hoped to be able to live up to their expectations; following two years of excellence at the freshman level.

Since this was the first time the teams' players were playing together, they had to learn a lot about each other's abilities and ad-

just to them accordingly. This wasn't a problem for them though. The team got off to a great start, and impressed all of the viewers. Washington-Lee seems to have a bright future ahead of them.

Some of the other members of the 1995-96 Freshman Team were: **Nazare Abbass, Brandon Boston, Jean Felix, Andy Jones, Tyrell McNeil, Curtis Moore, Andrew Musser, Joe Schott, Jason Smith, Al Sutton, Ben Walker, and Yosief Waldu.** The team was managed by **Kathy Robinson**.

Nick Cannon directs his teammates during a game against McLean.







Last year's MVP, **Derek Dalrymple**, sets up his equipment before practice.



**Jin Woo Pak** loads his rifle to shoot.

## Ready, Aim, Fire!

This year's rifle team, under the coaching of **George Harris** and his assistants **George Stevenson** and **Mr. Lassell**, hoped to be able to defend last year's district championship, despite the loss of two of their best shooters. The team practiced every Tuesday and Thursday for 45 minutes at Yorktown High School. Students practiced in three different positions: prone, standing, and kneeling. "Riflery helps me in concentration and discipline," said **Brian Norton**, one of four returning members from last year's team. The other three returning

members were **Jason Roy**, **Derek Dalrymple**, and **Jin Woo Pak**.

A number of people signed up for the Rifle Team, but only an elite group of six would be picked to shoot in the weekly match. The other members of the team were **David Lassell**, **Brian Lynch**, captain **Florence Kittleman**, **Connor Taylor**, **Erin Moran**, **Daniel Kozig**, **James Curtain**, and **Thomas Curtain**. The team lacks experience, but due to the great coaching job by **Mr. Harris**, **Mr. Stevenson**, and **Mr. Lassell**, they anticipated excellent performances this year.

**David Lassell** prepares to fire away.





# Tumbling Their Way To The Top

The Girls' Gymnastics team anticipated another great season this year, and they were right. Girls' Gymnastics started their season on November 20, with 13 girls willing and able to bend, stretch, and flip their way to success. Hosting their first meet on December 7 at Edison High School, the Lady Generals weren't to be taken lightly.

Coached by **Joe D'Emideo** and led by captain **Beth Poplin**, the Lady Generals worked hard every day. The team practiced after school from 2:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the gymnastics room. This year was a very exciting one for the Generals.

They hosted two very important events; the District Tournament and the Gymnastics Invitational. Top gymnasts from area schools came to compete and made both events very exciting.

Captain **Beth Poplin** stated that, "The team's strong point was the automatic bond held by the girls once they hit the floor. It helped us become more comfortable around each other which not only made us perform better as a team, but as individuals as well." This year's team, full of energetic and lively girls, made the 1995-96 season a success.



**Beth Poplin** dismounts the beam with assistance from **Coach D'Emideo**.

**Melissa Loerch** won't stop practicing until she gets it right.



**Beth Poplin** shows us a little bit of a balancing act on the uneven bars.

**Socheata Toum** shows us a little of what she's made of.





# Girls' Varsity Basketball

The lady Generals were really in control this year. The girls' varsity basketball team started their 1995-96 season with intense tryouts. These female athletes were working hard in order to make the varsity, junior-varsity, or freshmen teams. The varsity lady Generals then pushed their season to a strong start with scrimmages against Paul VI and T.C. Williams. They looked good during their season opener, which was against McLean. With a lot of confidence the Generals stormed pass McLean High School and won with a score of 55-47.

The team, with little seniority but lots of strength, was lead by the only three seniors--**Kara Campbell**, **Lauren McManus**, and **Neece Hennighan**. "We have little height, but lots of speed and agility," one student commented. **Lauren McManus** adds that, "This years team, because of our speed and aggressiveness, should end up in the Regional

Tournament."

This year the teams' goal was to exceed last years record by concentrating harder, pushing forward and not only being physically fit, but mentally prepared for what ever came their way." This years team was led by a new coach to W-L, **Mr. Keith Spraggings**, a young and demanding coach. He pushed the girls harder and, with help from captian **Michelle Wyatts** and **Kyla Robinson**, the girls' basketball team competed in the Chantilly holiday Tournament. Many times girl athletes are overlooked and **Candice Brown** said, " girls are just as competitive as boys and we just are now starting to get the attention we deserve." The ladies record was was great this year, and with their eyes set on moving forward in the season our lady generals continued to play hard and strong in order to go to the finals. This year's team was ready for everything that came and competed with endurance all year.



**Coach Spraggings** gives the team the game plan on the sidelines.

**Michelle Wyatts** offers helpful tips at the beginning of the McLean game.







Michelle boxes out her opponent during an exciting game.

Candice Brown gets support from her teammates as the starting line-up is announced.



The girls' varsity team huddles to prepare the strategies for the big game.

Neece Henningan plays hard core defence against McLean.





# Making Every Shot Count

The girls Junior Varsity Basketball Team had many participants this year. Led by Coach Rick Cauthen, the girls team was constantly improving their basketball skills through hard work and determination. The team members were Sara Bartek, Melissa Bowers, Rebecca Cantor, Ada Ferrufino, Beth Giles, Lula Hiwet, Sopita Lapsomphop, Carla Pangilinan, Lauren Powell, Jessica Price, Abby Reed, Vashouta Roach, and Sandra Valdez.

The girls Junior Varsity Team practiced in the gym, Monday through Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to

5:30 p.m.. Everyone on the team expected to be competitive. During practices the girls worked on shooting skills, dribbling maneuvers, and plays for the upcoming games. The team starters were Melissa Bowers, Jessica Price, Abby Reed, Vashouta Roach, and Sandra Valdez. From the scrimmages to the games the girls performed well, showing improvement with each drive.



Coach Rick Cauthen gives the JV girls a pep talk during halftime at an away game.



Sophomore Jessica Price tries to get the rebound during an away game against McLean High School.



J-V starters Jessica Price and Melissa Bowers go up for the rebound after the opposition's missed shot.







## Frosh Team Drives Forward!

The girls' freshmen basketball team had a lot of interest. Under the supervision and guidance of **Coach George Porcha** the team improved by leaps and bounds. Through the great determination of the girls and the coaching by **Coach Porcha** the team was able to be competitive during their season.

The girls practiced every day at Kenmore Middle School from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Being freshmen didn't hold these girls back. They strove for success throughout the entire season. During practices they worked on many fundamental skills

that helped them during the games. This years team members were: **A. Shockley, M. Daugherty, J. Lam, C. Jensen, L. Vega, N. Cabarrubias, A. Martin, V. So, F. Atoigne, I. Lara, K. Daugherty, J. Ferrufino, and M. Wallace.** This seasons starters were **A. Martin, F. Atoigne, M. Daugherty, J. Lam, and K. Daugherty.** Team member **Vannary So** said, "We were striving to win and play are best. It was a great experience for us; meeting knew people, improving our skills, and having fun."

arter Kelley Daugherty awaits the rebound from a missed foul shot during an away game.

Frosh basketball player drives toward the basket with teammate Meghan Daugherty looking on.

Sisters Kelley and Meghan Daugherty go for the rebound in the Frosh girls away game against McLean High School.

Freshmen Coach George Porcha gives the girls his second half game plan and reviews some key plays





Freshman **Justin Moeller** picks up the pace to win the race.



**Leslie Billings** competes in the high jump, just one of the many events that Washington-Lee's indoor track team participates in.



**Tiwoo Madyun** gives it his all in the four by eight relay.

**Bryson Bort** goes for the gold during the season's first meet.





# Constantly On The Move....

Running is the life and blood of the various athletes in the Indoor track program. These athletes brave the harsh conditions of winter running mile upon mile through snow, sleet, and rain. On most days though, the team had the fortunate opportunity of practicing at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Coaches **Eric Hill**, **Butch Britain**, and **William Findler**, and captains **Mike Durishin** and **Kathy Rooney** compose the foundation of the strong W-L Track Team. The Senior Runners are **Mike Durishin**, **Bryson Bort**, **Jason Pruzin**, **John Peck**, **Leslie Billings**, **Kathy Rooney**, and **Christine Tamez**.

Every Friday the team competes against area schools in the northern region, many of which are outside the National District. This gives the W-L runners a chance to

calibrate themselves against thousands of area runners. The team looks forward to another winning season.

**Leslie Billings**, a four year veteran of the indoor track team said, "We had a very multi-talented team this year. For a small team with many new runners we excelled in a variety of events."

Co-captain, **Kathy Rooney**, added, "track is a great sport, the conditioning is great and you don't have to be a superfast runner to be on the team. Because it is a no cut sport, everybody gets a chance to participate in a variety of events."

**John Peck** said, "We are fortunate to have access to the Thomas Jefferson indoor track for practice. That gives us a home field advantage for many of the meets."



**Christine Tamez** starts the four by two-hundred relay at the team's first meet.

**Ruthie Lezama** and **Christine Tamez** practice their relay exchange between events at a meet.





# Mon's Marauders, Take 'em Down!

This year's Wrestling Team had great potential and talent. Under the supervision of Head Coach **James T. Mon**, and assistants **Paul Rolokousis** and **Pablo Cantillana**, the team learned the proper moves, techniques, and tactics. Led by senior and four year wrestler, **Franklin Torres**, this year's wrestling lineup was: Sophomore **Arkadily Knopov** in the 112 pound weight class, Junior **Phayboun Sayarath** and Freshmen **Jorge Castellon** in the 119 pound weight class, Sophomore **Travis Neighbors** and Junior **Luis Camacho** in the 125 pound weight class, Junior **Fazal Mabood** and Sophomore **Mark Rigopoulos** in the 130 pound weight class, Junior **Ben Gaines**, Sophomore **Kevin Neuenschwander** and Junior **Eric Yabar** in the 135 pound weight class, Senior **Robert Koehl** and Sophomore **Ali Razon**, in the 140 pound weight class, Junior **Jose Torres** in the 145 pound weight class, Senior **Franklin Torres** and

Sophomore **Julio Rivas** in the 152 pound weight class, Junior **Omar Castellanos** and Freshmen **Barry Buchholtz** in the 160 pound weight class, Junior **Paul Ayers** and Freshmen **Gonzalo Paredes** in the 171 pound weight class, Junior **Jean Bruce Caudron** in the 189 pound weight class, and Sophomores **Stephan Weber** and **David Smith** in the 215 pound weight class.

The team met and practiced in the wrestling room everyday after school from 3:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon. **Ben Gaines** predicted that, "The team would peak earlier than last year, and with all the new talent, we should have a strong base for the years to come."



Varsity captain and Senior **Franklin Torres**, gets a pin against his opponet from rival Yorktown.

Junior **Paul Ayers** gets a quick pin on his opponent from Oakton High School at the Regional Tournament.







Four-year veteran, **Robert Kochl**, pins his Wakefield opponent with speed and determination



Members of the 1995-96 Washington-Lee Wrestling Team take time out to take a picture before a big meet



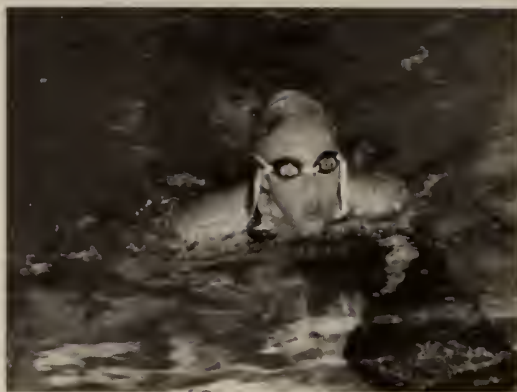
Second year wrestler **Jose Torres** works hard for the pin at a District Match.

Junior **Ben Gaines** makes his move in order to take down his opponent from Falls Church.





Sophomore swimmer, **Kelly Snyder**, perfects her breast-stroke.



Captain, **Lu Duong**, stands on the starting blocks ready to go, as **Ben Danforth** blasts off.



Senior, **James Defilippi**, shows the team how a start is supposed to be done.

Even some of W-L's best swimmers, **James Defilippi**, **Ben Danforth**, and **Emma Brown** are allowed to take a break between practice sets.





# Pulling Ahead With Every Stroke

The Washington-Lee Swim Team got off to a great start this year. With the first meet early in the season, the boys' team was able to beat Edison High School 113 to 62. Dominating in practically every event, the girls' performance was even better. They breezed by the Edison Eagles with a score of 124 to 62. Doubling the score of the Eagles' girls' team.

The swim team practices every day after school. They practice from 2:30 until 3:45 at the Washington-Lee pool. The dive team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays with the swim team. Coaching the swim team is **Jim Thomas** and assistant coach **Robert Snow**. The dive team is coached by **Wayne White**.

The swim team is led by captains **Patrick Kunze** and **Lu Duong** for the boys' team. For the girls' team, the captains are **Emma Brown** and **Amanda Hildt**. The captains are responsible for organizing social events and making

sure that the team has plenty of spirit.

The Swim and Dive teams have no cuts; everyone who comes to practice gets to swim. This makes the Swim and Dive team one of the largest competitive sports at Washington-Lee. One of the disadvantages of having such a large team is that all of the athletes don't always know each other. Yet, the team is very careful to make sure that all of the athletes get a chance to meet each other, during and after practice. One of the ways that this is achieved is by having pasta parties the night before the meets. The swimmers and divers get a chance to socialize and to fill up on carbohydrates that will help them the next day at the meet. **Jim Thomas** said, "We have become one of the strongest teams in the district. I feel confident that within the next couple years, including this one, we will have the potential to win a district championship."



William Deynes prepares for a back flip during practice.

-Bottom to Top: A. Arias, L. Tiglao, S. Outland, W. Deynes, K. Wells, M. Frick, T. Carter, W. Zeballos, L. Ovando, C. Shapard, K. Snyder, A. Gibbon, E. Munson, B. Lee, B. Danforth, L. Duong, E. Brown, A. Hildt, J. Defilippi and P. Kunze











Ground hog or no, winter seemed to last a little too long this year. After surviving one of the coldest winters on record, the Generals were more than ready for spring, and all the great events just waiting to happen. The Spring musical, *The Music Man*, was a success for the drama department. When the flooded rivers of the Potomac finally receded, the crew team was eager to hit the water. And everyone was glad to see the first daffodil open under the spring sun.

The biggest change Washington-Lee saw this spring was the new attendance policy. After years of planning and researching, and a semester delay from the originally planned starting date, the new policy was finally instituted. While students complained about the policy, many teachers felt it was just what the school needed. "It's great!" said math teacher **Bob Murray**. "I have people running to get my class now who wouldn't even show before."

Spring sports were off with a bang. After strong showings last year, the girls' and guys' soccer teams were eager to get started, as was the baseball team (last year's District champions). Other spring sports looked forward to seasons of improvement. "I like spring sports because it's warmer than any other time, so it's great to be outside," said **Bryson Bort**, a member of the outdoor track team. Everyone was glad when Spring Break rolled around. "I can't believe we haven't had a whole day off in almost two months," griped one worn-out student. For some, Spring Break meant catching up on much needed sleep. For others, it meant no practice, early mornings, and sunrises over the Potomac. And for still others it meant a chance to travel. Many juniors went on college visits, while **Mrs. Jeens** made her annual trip to Europe with a group of students, this time hitting sunny Spain and North Africa.

And, when Spring Break was over? Back to work for most. One senior, who decided to remain unnamed, said, "I did not think I would see senior slump...I was wrong...I'm not even sure where some of my textbooks are."

Spring's end meant gearing up for finals or gearing down for summer. For seniors, it meant it was finally time to hear from colleges, to go to Prom, and to graduate and to say good-bye. Spring for some was a beginning, for some, an end; but for all, it was a time for change.



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The traveling salesmen made the opening scene humorous and entertaining.



**Laura Hartman** and **Christine Alicea** swap lines in the midst of a scene.

**Jaime Fitzgerald** and **Ayn-Monique Tetrault-Rooney** give terrific performances as Marian Peroo and Amaryllis.





Jody Olson plays "The Music Man" as fast talking Harold Hill.



Here the townspeople of River City, Iowa, meet in the center of it all, the town square.



Junior **Kerrie Salazar** enjoys participating as one of the townspeople of River City



A harmonious combination of voices made these four terrific!

## "THE MUSIC MAN"

*The Spring play was a success!*

The spring play was a terrific success this year! "Even with the snow and the cancellations, the students really pulled it off well," said the director, **Mrs. Filpi**. The play was also under the direction of **Mrs. Klontz**, (the choral Director) **Ms. Harris**, (choreographer) and **Ms. Jenkins** (orchestra Director).

Meredith Wilson's **The Music Man** is an all-American musical with characters of every conceivable personality and stereo-type. It's a story about a small town sweetheart, (Marian Peroo) played by **Laura Hartman** and **Jaime Fitzgerald**, and the fast talking con-man, (Harold Hill), played by **Tim Olson**. Without knowing the difference between a saxophone

flute and an oboe, Harold expects to sell his goods to the people of River City, Iowa. However, his plans are foiled, and he gets caught in the arms of the beautiful librarian, Marian.

With a cast of over twenty-six students, too many to mention, everyone did an excellent job! "It was really exciting working with such a large cast," said **Christine Alicea** who played Eulalie Shinn.

**Raymond Lee**, (traveling salesman) said, "Even though the play was a lot of hard work, in the end it really paid off." Once again, the drama department did another fantastic job entertaining the school and parents.





**Miki Sanchez** takes a minute at the beginning of class to read a note from her best friend.



**Bethany Williams** and **Jesse Lynn** wake up the school with a "random joke of the day."

**Denisha Pelham** checks to see that the teacher doesn't see her slyly passing a note during class.





# The Word Is Out!

"I look forward to talking with my friends every day." -- Wendy Putnam



**Ann Tonakarn** keeps in touch with what's happening at W-L by reading Crossed Sabres, the school newspaper.

Every second of every minute of every day at school, students are communicating with one another. Whether it's catching up on the latest gossip at lunch, furtively passing notes in class, or saying hello and goodbye at lockers, students are constantly exchanging information.

One way to get the message out to the whole school is through the morning and afternoon announcements. Says announcer **Raymond Lee**, "Being an announcer is a very important job because you are reaching all of W-L at one time."

W-L's three student publications--the Crossed Sabres newspaper, the Blue and Gray

yearbook, and the literary magazine Penman--give students an opportunity to both record facts and express themselves creatively. Bulletin boards and flyers are another way students are made to be aware of what's going on at W-L.

Lunch is the period when students are able to talk to each other the most. One can hear the buzz of students chattering upon entering the cafeteria. Says senior **Cecile Remington**, "Lunch is my favorite time of the day because I get to talk with my friends."

- Andre Chautard



Announcer **Laura Hartman** keeps the bulletin board updated for the whole school to read.

"Shhh! It's a secret!" says **Valerie Bernardo** to her friend **Shenya Galvez**.



**Igor Yusefovich** laughs at his friend's joke at lunch, the most talkative time of the day.





Chris Trahant and Justin Geiger hang after school.



Kristy Clark, Faye Stylianos, and Jessica Eberhardt, stick together as seniors.



## Friendships

"My friends are like my sisters!"

-Joye Toler

They say the friendships you have in high school are the friendships that last a lifetime. You may lose or gain a few along the way, the memories that are made from the relationships you've had in high school are yours to cherish. There are many times in your life when you question your "friends," or even wonder if you have any friends at all.

Whatever the circumstances are, it's important to never take for granted the people that periodically enter your life. Whether it's the people you pass in the hall and mumble a "hi" to, or the ones you seek out

for advice and support. They all will hold a special place in your memory for years to come, known as "high school days".

The importance of friends may weigh differently for some people, but for senior **Claudia Rente**, her friends are top priority, "I could never have made it through high school without my friends!"

We will never forget the friends we've made here, in the halls of Washington-Lee.

-Aimee Baraber



Melissa Loerch and Cecile Remington are the best of friends.







Seniors, **Chelsey Culley** and **Raymond Lee**, give each other a friendly hug.



Juniors, **Tycie Young** and **Leila Dominick**, stand by their locker.



Sophomore friends hang out after school by the football field.





# SOPHOMORES

## ***BREAKING THE MOLD OF TIME***

For the class of '98, the adjustment from freshman to sophomore year was much easier than expected. With a year already behind them, the sophomores found it was easier to balance their time with school, sports, clubs and a social life. The class of '98' was ready and willing to accept the responsibilities that sophomores have. Since freshman year was behind them, sophomores started to enjoy the finer things that W-L had to offer.

Even though sophomores look up to upper classmen, most felt it was nice to have students look up to them as well. "It's nice to know that freshmen actually saw sophomores as role models too, not just upperclassmen," said **Kennie Whitehead**. Of course having someone look up to you is always nice, but there were more advantages than that. Sophomores appreciated the larger, roomier lockers, which was a huge advantage and for a lucky few, driving was the greatest privilege of all.

Being a sophomore isn't all fun and games, though, but as strong a class as we were, we survived.

-JUSTIN GEIGER and HEATHER HALL-



Erin Moran and **Nich Sothy** always seem to be found together; wherever you look for one, you find the other.

Aldrich, Nielah  
Almobarak, Faisal  
Alvarez, Ruben  
Amaya, Reyna  
Amin, Shahriar  
Amurrio, Erick  
Andrade, Diego  
Argueta, Fredy  
Arias, Avisai  
Arias, Edwin  
Armistead, Jennifer

Asharaf, Mehnaz  
Atoigue, Davin  
Azizkeya, Mariam  
Bacasse, Oliver  
Baig, Nadeem  
Balutis, Juliette  
Barrera, Ana  
Batista, Wilfredo  
Battocchi, Keith  
Bautista, Jaun  
Beck, Andrew

Benjamin, Oscar  
Becker, Katie  
Betts, Benjamin  
Bilal, Zeshan  
Blount, Kevin  
Bort, Jared  
Bowers, Melissa  
Brown, Candice  
Bui, Anh Yen  
Burk, Shawn  
Buschemi, Maria

Byroade, Jon  
Camacho, Erika  
Campell, Scott  
Canales, Mauricio  
Candia, Jaun  
Candia, Rene  
Caracas, Jimmy  
Carter, Christina  
Castellanos, Jeron  
Castillo, Claudia  
Cavanaugh, James

Caza, Dorothy  
Centeno, Digna  
Chandler, John  
Christman, Catherine  
Clavijo, Israel  
Coca, Mauricio  
Coles, Thomas  
Conner, Sharon  
Cook, Stephen  
Coronel, Lewis  
Cortez, Linda







Covarrubias, Candy  
Cruz, Ever  
Dailey, Sarah  
Danforth, Benjamin  
Davis, Tamika  
Dawkins, Ronald  
Decarlo, Kara  
Dewitt, Jill  
Droppers, Geollrey  
Ebert, William  
Eisenberg, Matthew  
Eppes, Marie  
Escalante, Jorge  
Espinoza, Franz  
Evans, Frank  
Feidler, Alex  
Felker, Erin  
Fernandez, Carlos  
Ferrufino, Ada  
Flores, Josue  
Francois, Tera  
Gade, Meredith

Gaito, Joseph  
Garcia, Angela  
Garcia, Cecilia  
Gaskill, James  
Geiger, Justin  
Gerald, Elaine  
Gomes, Rosemary  
Grageda, Israel  
Graham, Marketha  
Grandon, Julie  
Guandique, Noris

Gumucio, Heidi  
Gutierrez, German  
Gutierrez, Maurici

Guzman, Maria  
Hall, Heather  
Hart, Shane

Hazelwood, Edward  
Hem, Chhueun  
Hendrick, Nicole

Herbert, Neia  
Herbert, Scott  
Hernandez, Jose

Hertwig, Annete  
Hinton, Neonta  
Hiwot, Lula

Hoan, Lisa  
Holidon, Lisa  
Holman, Laura

Hossain, Masrur  
Howard, Erin  
Hurdle, Susan



Marco Nacalaban knows that school isn't just for the classroom, as he spends a beautiful day outside relaxing in the sun.

These Washington-Lee sophomores know they can't go off campus for lunch, so they make the best of it and enjoy lunchtime at school.



Heather Hall and Chris Trahan know the true meaning of friendship and have two more years to improve it.





# HOMECOMING

## A NIGHT REMEMBERED

The 1995 Homecoming was an exciting time for this year's sophomores class. The sophomores really got into the spirit of it all with spirit week, the Homecoming game, and especially the Homecoming dance. Without the stigma of being freshmen anymore, they could have fun and show their school spirit.

The race for sophomore homecoming attendants was a tight one since there were more than twenty candidates. In the end the sophomore class decided that **Sopita Lapsomphop**, **Tony McBee**, **Lauren Powell**, and **Carlos Florido** were the best fit for the positions. The duties that came with being an attendant were walking down the fifty yard during half time of the homecoming game and participating in the half-time parade.

Homecoming was definitely a night that sophomores will remember. Everyone seemed to have a good time during dinner, the dance, and the after parties, but most agreed that it was the friends that made Homecoming so special. The 1995 Homecoming was a night that will remain a fond memory for the class of '98.

*Homecoming was really great this year. Although it did cost me a lot of money, it was worth every penny.*

*--Matt Quattlebaum*



**Lauren Powell** and **Tony McBee** strut their stuff as they represent the sophomore class during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Homecoming attendants **Sopita Lapsomphop** and **Carlos Florido** flash a General's smile during the Halftime Parade.

**Ben Murray**, **Chris Lengle**, and their dates seemed to enjoy dinner just as much as they enjoyed the Homecoming dance.

Hurtado, Marco  
Hussein, Hoda  
Hussein, Mona  
Jaldin, Jose  
Jaspers, Rosaelena  
Jeffery, Stephen  
Jernigan, Elizabeth  
Jimenez, Monica  
Jiron, Scarlett  
Johnston, McIntosh  
Jones, Darrell

Jones, Elizabeth  
Kahn, Debbie  
Kaing, Ty  
Kao, Sang  
Karaus, Bryn  
Kawashita, Hiroyu  
Kebede, Asmeret  
Kelley, Elizabeth  
Kelso, Richard  
Khan, Rifhat  
Khan, Shamida

Kirton, Thomas  
Knopov, Arkadiy  
Kramer, Michael  
La Vere, Suzanne  
Lamas, Leslie  
Lapsomphop, Sopita  
Lazevnick, Andrea  
Ledinhi, Wayne  
Lee, Thomas  
Leiva, Edwin  
Lengle, Christopher







Lezama, Ruth  
Linares, Katherine  
Linsangan, Ana  
Lopez, Barbara  
Lopez, Carlos  
Lopez, Victor  
Lozano, Nestor  
Lucas, Peter  
Ly, Trinh Tu  
Lynch, Brian  
Lynch, John

Maccavello, Ric  
Madyun, Kehinde  
Mahmood, Anne  
Marewsky, Isabel  
Malleck, Elizabeth  
Mamani, Christian  
Mayon, Taiwo  
Marroquin, Melissa  
Marshall, Lisa  
Maxwell, Santiago  
McBee, Antoine



**Johanna Stamps** and **Graham McBride** pose as caged raiders on the float during the Halftime Homecoming parade.

**Erin Felker** and her friends really light up the dance floor at the Homecoming dance.



**Geof Droppers, Johanna Stamps** and their sophomore friends work diligently on their class hall.

**Eddie Hazelwood** shows his best dance moves at the Homecoming dance to show that sophomores can be cool too.

The class of 1998 really got involved and did well in all the homecoming activities, but seemed to especially enjoy the cage.





McBride, Graham  
Mc Call, Jenelle  
Mc Dermot, William  
Mc Gill, Daniel  
Moeun, Sinan  
Mohmann, Jeffrey  
Montenegro, Dennis  
Morales, Eulises  
Morales, Francisco  
Moran, Erin  
Moreno, Claudia

Moreno, Michelle  
Mueller, Ross  
Murray, Benjamin  
Nacalaban, Marco  
Nader, George  
Najarro, Karina  
Navas, Jessica  
Neighbors, Travis  
Nelson, Natasha  
Newman, Michael  
Njemanze, Nnenna

Nunez, Sandra  
O'Neal, Kellie  
O'Rear, Douglas  
O'Rourke, Ian  
Olson, Timothy  
Omation, Carrie  
Orala, Petricia  
Ovando, Pablo  
Packett, Jessica  
Pangilinan, Carla  
Paredes, Nelson

Perera, Magaly  
Payne, Bryan  
Perez, Robert

Perry, Tomika  
Pfoutz, Sara  
Ponce, Roger

Pons, Julia  
Powell, Lauren  
Price, Jessica

Puffinburger, James  
Quattlebaum, Matt  
Rafiq, Tahied

Reed, Abigail  
Rekstad, Erick  
Reschly, Michelle

Reyes, Eric  
Reyes, Lely  
Reyes, Leonor

Richards, Anisha  
Richter, Rudy  
Rivas, Julio



**Sonia Sorto** and **Carmen Rivera** take time out of their busy schedule to pose together and show their tender lovin' care.

**Eliot Schaefer** and **Ian O'Rourke** take time out from their P.E. class to show us how adorable they really are.

**Nadeem Baig** flashes a smile to our camera as he takes a breif break from learning Geometry.





# RELAXATION

## SOPHOMORES TIME OFF

Sophomores spend their weekends many different ways. Even though most can't drive yet, they do find rides to the most important places and events. Football, basketball, and baseball games have always been popular places for sophomores to begin to unwind for the weekend, and a great way to cheer for the Generals! Most sophomores were invited to school functions by upper classmen. They also participated in the various school activities such as the AIDS Walk, Key Club Oyster Roast and student tutoring. They also participated in their class fund-raisers, such as the Sophomore Car Wash. Since there was such a variety of students in this class, sophomores had numerous choices of how to spend their time on the weekend. Some preferred to go out and party on the weekends, while others were just as content to stay home and chill with friends. One thing most agreed on was the convenience and enjoyment of sleeping in. Whatever they chose to do, sophomores enjoyed the weekend as a time to put school aside and focus on the more relaxing parts of their life.



**Julia Pons** and **Liz Uffen** spend a beautiful day down in D.C. participating in the AIDS Walk, accompanied by other members of the Key Club.

*The weekend is a great time to kick back and do absolutely nothing, without having anyone get on your back about it.*

*-Justin Geiger-*

-JUSTIN GEIGER-



Rivero, Rey  
Roach, Vashonta  
Roberts, Richard  
Rodriguez, Jose  
Roddgers, Charles  
Romero, Jose  
Romero, Lisbeth  
Rortvedt, Victor  
Rumsey, JenWen  
Salgado, Juan  
Sanchez, Beatriz

Sanchez, Jose  
Sanchez, Orfa  
Sanchez, Yesenia  
Sanjines, Veronica  
Santiago, Luis  
Savarath, Soundara  
Schaefer, Eliot  
Settle, Summer  
Sewell, Mark  
Sharifi, Haider  
Sineriz, Yuri

Smith, David  
Smith, Valerie  
Snyder, Kelly  
Sorto, Sonia  
Sothy, Nich  
Stamps, Johanna  
Stauffer, Stefani  
Steinkamp, Paavo  
Sykhammouny, Ph  
Thompson, Jason  
Toler, Joyce

Torres, Francisco  
Toum, Socheata  
Tracey, Caroline  
Trahan, Chris  
Tran, Tan  
Trujillo, Giovanni  
Turcios, Carmen  
Uffen, Elizabeth  
Utt, Micah  
Valdes, Shaun  
Valdez, Sandra

Van Orman, John  
Vargas, Rafael  
Vasquez, Karla  
Vasquez, Mark  
Villarreal, Fabio  
Villatoro, Raul  
Weaver, Twan  
Weber, Stephen  
Weaver, Emilie  
Weems, Laura  
Welsh, Kathleen





Wentzell, Craig  
 Whitehead, Kenny  
 Whittaker, Adam  
 Williams, Michelle  
 Wilson, Seth  
 Woodson, Robaleen  
 Wyckoff, Courtney  
 Xu, Jin  
 Zalkind, Robert  
 Zapata, Karen  
 Zelaya, Jose

Zelaya, Rubida



When **Rey Rivero** attends class, he can always be found paying attention.

**Beth Giles-Kelly** acts innocent as she's caught in the act of fixing her hair during class.



**Erin Moran** and **Victoria Rumsey** relax outside on the grass during their brief break.



**Elizabeth Jernigan** gets assistance during Spanish from her teacher, **Senora Rivera**.





# A Change of Scenery

## The Sophomore Transportation Challenge

What!? Is that a sophomore driving? That was the reaction that many juniors and seniors had to seeing sophomores around the school getting behind the wheel this year. A new state law allowed students to get their learner's permit at 15, instead of 15 and 8 months. The result? The scary sight of sophomores sliding into the driver's seat.

Getting a learner's permit, weeks of sitting in a driver's education class watching gory videos, and a dreaded 45 minute driving test were all part of getting a treasured driver's license. Because of the new laws, most sophomores took advantage of this greatly appreciated opportunity to get behind the wheel a lot sooner than they anticipated; which hopefully resulted in having better, more experienced drivers on the road.

Many students can't wait to get their license, but several also know that with this license comes such dreaded things as the first speeding ticket, car trouble, playing chauffeur for non-drivers and other such problems. Although avoiding trouble seemed nearly impossible for any of us, there were students who seemed to slip by and escape the many dangerous driving catastrophes.

Sophomore transportation wasn't just about driving though. There were many who hadn't gotten around to getting their licenses and still had to resort to taking the metro, catching rides with friends, or if it came down to it...walking. Most of the time rides were gotten by friends who could drive such as **Andrew Beck** who admits that "Giving rides to everyone all the time is a little annoying, but most of the time it's okay just as long as they follow my one very important rule--don't touch my stereo!"

-HEATHER HALL-



**Paldo DeJesus** rides in the back of his friend's car dreaming of the day when he can drive himself around, instead of bumming rides from friends.



**Justin Geiger** is one of the few sophomores who has his license, but unfortunately he somehow hasn't managed to get a car yet.

**Andrew Beck** is one of the few sophomore who has his own car.



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# Time For A Little Change...

## *Sophomore Spirit Shines*



**Kehinde Madyun** displays more spirit than almost any other sophomore guy, by coming to school decked out in his nighttime outfit.

**Matt Eisenberg** smiles at the thought of dressing up on College Day.



**Graham McBride** and **Elizabeth Jernigan** show their Washington-Lee spirit, by sporting their seventies outfits on Crazy Day.





Heather Hall and Erin Moran attempt to be as cool as Tom Moran on Crazy Day, but all a little short as the task was impossible.



Kelly Synder, Sopita Lapsomphop, and Candice Brown show their General spirit by dressing for P.J. Day; apparently some of us are still asleep...Sopita???



Al Sutton and Lisa Marshall must have mistaken College Day for Twin Day. Actually they're just two W-L students with a lot of school spirit.



These sophomores were more than happy to show off their P.J.'s during class time.

This year the sophomore class showed their spirit during Spirit Week by participating in several different events. The week started off with Pajama Day, which allowed the sophomores to wake up, roll out of bed and come to school decked out in their P.J.'s. Black and White Day followed, which allowed the sophomores to mix and match all different kinds of combinations of black and white apparel. Smack in the middle of the week came Crazy Day, which allowed most to let their true personalities shine through. Sophomores showed their spirit by wearing basically anything they could find. Thursday was College Day and sophomores sported their favorite college apparel-- from sweats to hats. Spirit week concluded with the traditional Blue and Gray Day, where everyone came with their blue and gray clothes. Some of the more spirited sophomores painted their faces, or wore the blue and gray tattoos. "Spirit week here at Washington-Lee is a fun activity that everyone can get involved in. During this week everyone gets real excited for the Homecoming game and dance," said Meredith

Gade. Many other students concurred.

*"I love Spirit Week because it is so much fun. There is a more relaxed atmosphere, and you get to see sides of people that you wouldn't have expected. And besides, the teachers give out less work."*

**--(Lisa Hoai)**

"Spirit Week was a lot of fun. Students enjoyed the dance as a culminating event. Although they lost a close competition to the seniors in the Spirit Link contest, Sophomore Spirit was still strong."

JUSTIN GEIGER AND HEATHER HALL





# Thinking About Change

The Philosophy Club at W-L exists, in the words of sponsor **Mary Martin**, "To offer interested students an opportunity to come together to discuss questions which interest them." **Mrs. Martin** also pointed out that the club was traditionally a student-run organization. That tradition continued this year with students discussing everything from where the universe ends to whether or not the government has a right to make laws requiring seat belt usage.

The three year old club was open to anyone who wanted to join. The meetings were every Friday in Room 130, and usually lasted around an hour. The club had four facilitators--**Emma Brown, Ruza Afram, Brian Norton, and Kathy Rooney**. Their job was to make sure that

someone was responsible for starting each meeting. Students took turns bringing in questions, quotes, pictures, and articles to generate discussions. Beyond the facilitators, as stated in the club's constitution, there are no officers. The group this year chose to go with an informal discussion format for their meetings.

**Ruza Afram** said, "The club is great because on Friday, after a long week, you can just go out and listen to what others have to say. Or, if you want, you can vent your frustrations, and hear what others think about the same things." The "no holds barred" rule allowed students to be honest with one another, one of the essential secrets of the club's success. As **Mrs. Martin** said, "We only request that you be civil."

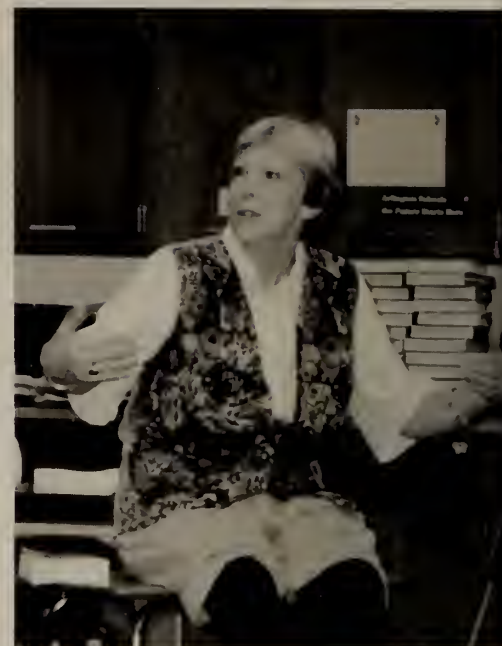
Sponsor **Mrs. Martin** engages the class in discussion during the Philosophy Club meeting.

**Emma Brown** and **Nick Doheny** listen carefully to the topic at hand during the Philosophy Club meeting.



Club members lay back while the conversation flows in their weekly meeting.

Members of the club ponder the topic at hand.





# Facing Changes



The Washington-Lee Student Council Association, or S.C.A., consisted of six elected officers and the senators elected by each class. The six officers were: **Emma Brown**, President; **Patrick Kunze**, First Vice-President; **Kelly Snyder**, Second Vice-President; **Misha Krepon**, Third Vice-President; **Ben Gaines**, Secretary and **Chelsey Culley**, Press Secretary.

Each year the S.C.A. organizes and sponsors such activities as the Homecoming Parade and the Half-time show. Other activities S.C.A. organized included finding judges for Hall decorations and floats; the Thanksgiving Assembly, the Salvation Army canned food drive,

the Red Cross Blood Drives, and the Class Olympics.

"SCA is always hard at work, making sure that the students's needs are met, and opinions are listened to when it comes to their school environment," **Chelsey Culley** said.

SCA met every Tuesday with **Mrs. Morris**, right after school. Their concentration on Homecoming is what made the whole event happen, and made it a success.

**Mrs. Morris** has been the SCA sponsor for many years and her support, along with the responsibility of the officers, is what makes SCA so important to Washington-Lee.



President **Emma Brown** directs business in an SCA meeting on Homecoming.

**Kelly Snyder** shows her enthusiasm for being second Vice-President of SCA.

SCA members listen actively as sponsor, **Mrs. Morris**, directs activities.

SCA members **Nicole Lewis**, **Laura Weems**, and **Courtney Wyckoff** are prepared to start the meeting.





# Adapting to Change

The Organization of HILT students is in its fourth year here at Washington-Lee. This club had many functions that appealed to its members this year.

The main purposes of the organization is to build leadership qualities among students who have come to the U.S. from different countries and to help involve these students in all school activities. The club gives out weekly information to HILT students in order to involve these students in everything from sports to school dances.

The sponsor of the club again is **Ms. Osso**. The club didn't exactly have a set group of officers this year, but instead rotated leadership each month, by election. This way, more stu-

dents got a chance to practice their leadership skills. The club met once a week after school. These meetings were spent making new friends and planning end-of-the-month activities. These events include various sports, movies, dances, and parties.

"Since I have come to the United States, I have felt a little out of place. I did not understand English that well and could not seem to fit in anywhere. Then I joined the Hilt Organization and found a place where I belonged. Everyone in the club is really nice. We all know what it feels like to be left out. Now all of us can depend on each other. We encourage each other to participate in more school events. Washington-Lee is our school too," said a member of the Hilt organization.



Students watch the action at the weekly meeting of the HILT Club.

**Edwin** is all smiles as he talks to **Mrs. Osso** at the HILT meeting.

**Muna** is into the business of the HILT meeting.

Members all participate in the planning of new events in the HILT department.





# LASA



LASA was founded in 1989-1990 by the Latin American students at Washington-Lee. The club is sponsored by **Mrs. Dama Vasquez**, **Mrs. Maria-Elena LaRue** and the Hispanic News Media Association of Washington D.C.

The purposes and objectives of this organization are to increase student participation in all school activities; project a positive image of Latin American students; prepare Latin American students for leadership roles and to increase awareness and cooperation among Latin American students.

The officers for LASA, 1995-1996 were: President, **Litzi Paredes**; Vice-President, **Vicky Bautista**; Secretary **Jasmine Irigoyen**; Secretary **Jacqueline Via**; Treasurer, **Maria Hernandez**; and Special Committees, **Carla Espinoza** and **Gary Vasquez**.

LASA was involved in many events this year. Participation in the Christmas Bazaar, leadership training, and parties such as "San Valentine" for Hispanic seniors. Other projects the club members were involved in were: International Night, Orientation of HILT students, and fund raisers.

With the dedication of their sponsors, **Mrs. Dama Vasquez**, and **Mrs. LaRue**, LASA blossomed into one of the most influential and prominent organizations among the Hispanic population at W-L. It's success hinged upon the input of its many members and the time and effort of their sponsors. LASA was definitely a success at Washington-Lee in 1995-1996.



LASA member **Fatima Valdez** comes out of weekly meeting, full of new ideas.

"LASA members show their school spirit during Spirit Week."



Member **Veronica Covarrubias** is excited about the upcoming meeting.

LASA members take time to pose for a quick group picture.





# With Honors

The Spanish Honor Society at Washington-Lee was at its best this year. All members went through an application process, which required straight A's in their previous Spanish courses. Elections were held early in the year and the following officers were elected: President, **Tu-Anh Bui**; Vice President, **Kathy Rooney**; Secretary, **Bora Lee**; Treasure, **Bradley Pilot**, and Public Relations Person, **Erica Lopacinski**. Meetings were held the first Tuesday of every month in **Senora Rondon's** room. Senora Rondon has been the sponsor of the Spanish Honor Society for many years now and continued to encourage Spanish expression throughout the school.

The club was involved in the annual Holiday

**Senora Rondon** points out some lovely hispanic artifacts on her walls.

Spanish Honor Society members hablan Espanol together at bi-weekly.

Bazaar. Members sold various Spanish foods dishes and drinks. The funds that were earned at the Bazaar were used to finance a dinner at a Spanish Restaurant. Members were also in charge of this year's Art show. The Spanish Honors Society celebrates various Spanish holidays throughout the year, such as Cinco de Mayo.

Vice-President, **Kathy Rooney** said, "Compared to previous years, this year's Spanish Honor Society has been a lot more active within the school. Members seemed to be really enthusiastic about the club." Other members of the club seemed to agree with their Vice-President.

Member **Ruza Afram** said, "It is important that students appreciate the Spanish language, especially in a school as diverse as ours."



**Erica Lopacinski** and **Nisha Abreu** contribute to the interest of then Spanish Honor Society.

The group gathers to laugh and learn about Spanish events and school activities.





# Spanish Club

The Spanish Club is for students who were interested in learning about the Spanish culture. The club also provided tutorial help for those students who needed it. The club was sponsored once again by **Ms. Rondon**, who took the students on educational field trips.

The Spanish Club is known for fostering cooperation and friendship between members. Some events that the club participated in this year were: the Holiday Bazaar and International Night. One of the club members, **Tarek Ksaybati**, stated, "The club taught members about the Spanish culture and helped to create an understanding of others."

This year's officers were: President, **Tarek Ksaybati**; Vice-President, **Fatima Valdez**; Secretary, **Gina Ryan**; Treasurer, **Brad Pilot**; and Publicity Student, **Erica Lopacinski**.

This year's Spanish Club worked in close association with the Spanish Honor Society. Together they celebrated Spanish Holidays. Members of both clubs seem to have made a lasting, common bond.

Treasurer **Brad Pilot** said, "We have crossed the various boundaries of language, culture, and religion to reach a common interest in the Spanish culture which is exemplified here at Washington-Lee."



Spanish Club sponsor, **Senora Rondon**, enters the room for regular scheduled meetings.

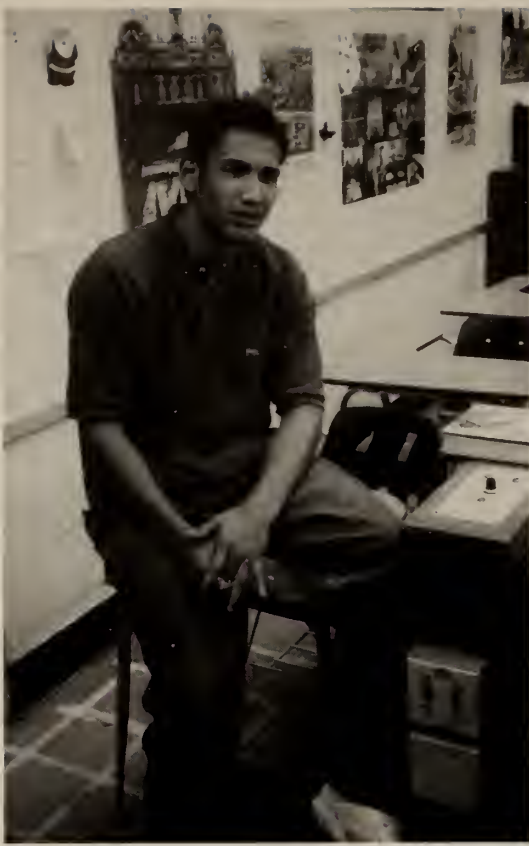
Spanish Club members gather for a quick snap shot.

**Bradley Pilot**, **Tarik Ksaybaeti**, and **Joanna Lederle** take a break for a picture during a Spanish Club meeting.

Members laugh over a Spanish joke that their fellow member **Jackie Salvatierra** just told.







**Franklin Torres** awaits the arrival of the rest of the members of the F.H.S.

Officers of the French Honor Society pose for a picture in the middle of a meeting.

The French Honor Society and French Club members together for a group picture.





# FRENCH

French, one of the most complex and romantic languages, is taken by numerous students at Washington-Lee. The interest in this subject often leads to the involvement of either the French Club or French Honor Society.

The French Club, this year, was sponsored by Dr. Hadiji. The elected officers for the club were: President, Cecile Remington; Vice President, Jeanette Staats; Treasurer, Alina Boutah and Secretary, Maria Hernandez. The French Club held meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in room 115--Dr. Hadiji's room.

During the year, students planned small get-togethers with food and fun. They also took a trip to a French restaurant in the Spring and included themselves in the Holiday Bazaar.

The French Honor Society was designed for French students who excel in this area.

The requirements for membership were to be enrolled in French 3 or above, and to have an "A" average in this class.

The purpose of this club, said sponsor Madame Beaston was, "To honor those students demonstrating superior achievement in their French studies."

Some of the three year French Club members were: Cecile Remington, Renee Courbois, Anne Jensen, and Kerrie Salazar. The lone fourth year member was senior Alina Boutah.

French Honor Society had regular meetings, as well as a meeting to induct new members. The meetings were run by President, Anne Jensen; Vice President, Jordan Uffen; Secretary, Ben Gaines and Treasurer, Catherine Christman. The members were an enthusiastic bunch who enjoyed the French activities they took part in.



French Honor Society sponsor, Mme Beaston, expectantly awaits the arrival of the members of her club.

One of the many participants of the French Honor Society arrives early to pose for a picture.



Members of the French Honor Society discuss upcoming events.

The French Club gathers for a group photograph to show their unity and dedication to the language.





# Science Research

This year, the Science Research Club met on Mondays and Tuesdays, in room 204, to discuss ideas, problems and challenges in the science field. The club was designed for all those who were interested in science; its purpose was to assist and support students and to give any help they may have needed with science fairs.

This year's officers were President, Sidd Shukla; Vice President, Bora Lee; Secretary, Leila Dominique and Treasurer, Tycie Young.

Equipment and lab time was available for all members and their VJAS fees were waived. The sponsor, Dr. Celita Varn, helped set up and arrange for professional assistance. The club was active in various fairs and contests including JSHS: Junior Science High-School Symposium, VJAS: Virginia Junior Academy

of Science, WISE: Women in Science and Engineering and STC, as well as many other prestigious competitions.

*"Science Research Club has benefitted me in many ways this year. It has helped me to expand my knowledge in the field of Science and to meet with others to discuss the problems and challenges that we encounter in our scientific world."*

--Tycie Young

Bora Lee looks stunned as she is caught leaving a Science Research Club meeting.

Tycie Young and Leila Dominique chat about upcoming events before their meeting begins.



Bora Lee and Tycie Young take time out in between class to pose for a picture.

Tycie Young and Leila Dominique show their excitement over being a part of the Science Research Club.





# Social Studies H.S.



The Social Studies Honor Society, one of Washington-Lee's many prestigious clubs, was put together to honor those students who have done outstanding work in the field of Social Studies. It was designed to instill a life-long interest in the study of history and social studies, and to recognize outstanding achievement in these areas. The club also provided opportunities for students to benefit from lectures, presentations and films of merit in these areas. Members were encouraged to participate in the Social Studies Fair which takes place each year.

The requirements for this club were to have at least a 3.5 out of 4.0 in Social Studies courses to even be considered. Those interested needed to be in their second year of history or social studies, and have to be recommended by two

teachers who were not a part of the Social Studies Department as well as a current or former Social Studies teacher. Those who already fulfilled these many requirements had to also demonstrate good character, honor, scholarship, and citizenship. In order to remain a member of this club, those who qualified had to maintain all of the above criteria to continue their membership.

Officers of the club included President, Eric Calhoun; Vice President, Sophia Esterman; Secretary, Laura Hartman and Treasurer Meredith Meyer.

The club met quarterly, and had their usual induction ceremony in Washington D.C. this past winter.

Renee Courbois



A few of the members stay after their meeting to chat.

President, Eric Calhoun and sponsor Mama Jeens, discuss the Constitution.

The group organizes themselves for a group picture before beginning their meeting.

The members of the Social Studies Honor Society listen intently to their club officers.





# A Global Change

Washington-Lee's International Club continued to represent the diverse cultures at the school this year. Several fund raisers were held to finance the annual International Night. The club participated in the school's Holiday Bazaar and sold food from around the world and their popular International punch. Members also collaborated during Thanksgiving to donate a special box of canned foods to the Salvation Army. International Night was provided to educate the community and attendance was completely free of charge. Various patrons helped to finance this cultural event. Money that was not used for International Night was donated to the Northern Virginia Hospice. International Night was a school celebration that consisted of dancers, models, and speeches representing cultures from around the world.

Elections were held early in the year and only involved the most enthusiastic members. This year's officers were: President, **Jackie Salvatierra**, Vice-President, **Andre Chautard**; Seretary, **Ann Tonakarn**; Treasure, **Tu-Anh Bui**; and Public Relation Officers, **Alina Boutah** and **Tawnya Tenequer**.

"Out of all the years that I have been involved with the International Club, this year seemed to be the most significant. Since most members are seniors, we want to make this year's activities even more productive. We feel a sense of pride as we educate the students and community about the various cultures that exist at our school. We want to make International Night the most memorable one in the sixteen years that it's been held," said Treasurer **Tu-Anh Bui**.



**Fatima Valdez** and **Nisha Abreau** listen intently at a weekly meeting.

President **Jackie Salvatierra** heads toward another exciting International Club meeting.

The International club members gather to share their ideas.

Sponsor, **Mrs. Mangan**, speaks her mind about upcoming activities and fundraisers.







# It's Academic

The season started off early for the It's Academic team this year. The team's T.V. taping was the second Saturday of the school year. As a result, the team was the same as last year's. **Emma Brown, Ruza Afram, and David Morland** (captain), had only two chances to practice with new sponsor, Mr. Peters, before the taping.

The competition didn't go as well as the team had hoped for, although W-L students were in the competition until the very end. **David Morland** felt that the team "really wasn't out of summer mode. I think if we had more time to practice, we could have done much better," he stated.

The team along, with other students, later competed in two Academic Hallmark Competitions, which are done on the computer. Stu-

dents across the country compete, then their sponsors send the results in to the competition's sponsor. Washington-Lee's team scored well each time.

*"We worked more as a team this year, but we just needed more time to prepare for television. I feel like our team had great potential, with very bright members..... I wish we could work together for another year, but we did the best we could."*

*--Emma Brown*



Academic team members, **Emma Brown** and **Ruza Afram**, are all smiles after a successful practice.

The Washington-Lee "It's Academic Team" are preparing before their televised competition, with sponsor **Mr. Peters** and alternate **Patrick Kunze**.



**David Morland** is shown here during the televised competition of "It's Academic."

The Washington-Lee team during competition with Park View and Lake Braddock.





# Key Club

The Washington-Lee Key Club is one of the oldest and largest clubs at W-L. As the school's community service club, it functions both inside the school and outside in the community.

This year's officers were: President, **Ruza Afram**; Vice-President, **Andre Chautard**; Secretary, **Cheryl Gasque**; Treasurer, **Kathy Rooney**; Press Secretary, **Joe Eddy**; Historian, **Jeanette Staats** and Kiwanis Liason, **Laura Hartman**.

The club was sponsored by **Mrs. Leeb** and **Ms. Mason**, and was often visited at meetings by **Mr. Fred Gibert**, the club's connection to the local Kiwanis. The club was often aided by parent helper **Jaqueline Afram**.

The club met every Wednesday at 2:20 in **Mrs. Leeb's** room. Students participated in

various activities such as Back-to-School Night, a Halloween Food Drive, selling programs at the Homecoming Football Game, and working at the annual Kiwanis Oyster Roast. As usual, several members attended the District Convention in the Spring. It was a very successful year for all involved.

Press Secretary **Joe Eddy** said, "This year's Key Club is much more prominent than those in the past. We have had so many more students interested in helping the community around us. Everyone is really enthusiastic and I hope that this attitude remains the same in upcoming years."

Treasurer **Kathy Rooney** was proud of all the funds that were raised to help those in the community that were in need of assistance.

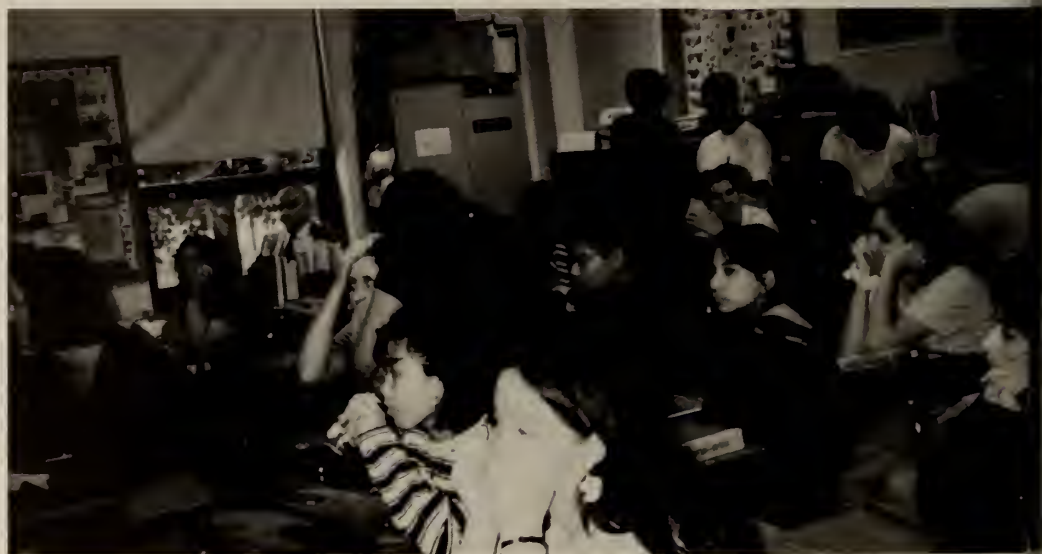
**Ann Tonakarn, Brad Pilot, Raymond Lee, and Chelsey Culley** listen intently to the agenda for the meeting.

Key Club members gather for a quick snap shot at Back-to-School Night.



President, **Ruza Afram**, takes a break from Key Club to pose for a picture.

Key club members scramble for a seat as the meeting is about to get underway.





# Environmental Club

This year even more students showed their concern for their surroundings by participating in the Environmental Club. The club got off to a great start with an early T-shirt sale. The students in this club have continued to promote stream clean-ups, white paper recycling, planting projects and the Adopt-a-Highway program. Members enjoyed taking trips to area nature centers and botanical gardens.

This year's Environmental Club members have worked closely with the Arlingtonians for a Cleaner Environment (ACE) to improve the quality of life for every student. Vice-president **Andre Chautard** believed that "we were successful in making all students more aware of the care we need to give to our troubled environment."

This year's officers were Co-Presidents: **Ryan Agnew** and **Sidd Shukla**; Vice President, **Andre Chautard**; Secretary, **Nindy Gill**; Treasurer, **Elysia Ewing**, and Publicity Officers, **Leila Dominick** and **Joe Eddy**. The club sponsor was **Mrs. Anne Sotack**.

Publicity Officer **Leila Dominick** said, "As a member of the Environmental Club, the other members and myself feel a certain sense of responsibility in being environmentally aware within our school. We know that for every piece of paper we recycle, we are helping the environment. We try to convey to people that no matter how small a contribution they make, it does help in the long run. I believe that the best way we can protect our future is by protecting our surroundings."



Active Environmental Club member, **Emma Brown**, prepares materials for a club project.

Environmental Club members look on as the meeting gets underway.

Environmental Club sponsor, **Mrs. Sotack**.

Environmental Club copresident **Ryan Agnew** shows his school spirit as he paints a mural, along with **Reed Harmon** for Spirit Week.





# Muslim Youth

W-L's Muslim Youth Club served as a link between the Arab and Muslim students within the school. Members celebrated Ramadan, the holy month during which it is believed that Mohammed and others traveled from Mecca to Medina, during which time they fasted from sunrise to sunset. Members also participated in the celebration of Eiolal-fitr by going out to a Middle Eastern Restaurant. The Muslim Youth Club has had several current event discussions on Muslim/ Arab issues.

This year's club was sponsored once again by **Mr. Hadiji**. This year's officers were President, **Tarek Ksaybati**; Vice- President, **Najibullah Qazei**; Public Relations Person, **Najiba Qazei**; Treasurer, **Hala**. All of the members and officers were very enthusiastic about working with each other and their sponsor. The club was

larger than in past years, with students taking a more active role.

*"I feel that this year's Muslim Youth Club allows us all to express our ideas. We teach each other and can spread our views to the rest of the school. We all feel that Muslim/Arab issues are very important to the world."*

*--President Tarek Ksaybati*



**Najiba Qazei** takes matters into her own hands at this meeting.

Muslim Youth Club members are very interested in another important discussion.

**Tarik Ksaybati** points out his home all the way across the world.

Members of the Muslim Youth Club gather to discuss cultural similarities with **Mr. Hadiji**.





# Aware of the Change Out There



In this organization students learn what's going on around us, in our community and with our African-American culture. This year the African Awareness Club soared with full force in terms of activities and participation. Car washes, special guests, candy drives, and special informative programs made this year an exciting, productive year for the African Awareness Society. Led by determined officers President, **Shawneece Hennigan**, First Vice-President, **Raymond Lee**, Second Vice-President, **Chelsey Culley** and a group of excited 9-12 grade students of all nationalities, the African Awareness Society moved to new depths. Starting off the year with a choral speaking seminar and ending up with a successful Annual Talent Show, the club worked to get money for their senior scholarship funds.

Sponsored by **Ms. Audrey Spicer**, **Mr. Lorenzo Crandle**, and **Mrs. Irene Pleas-Humbert**, the club met throughout the year on Tuesdays at 2:15 P.M.

"African Awareness has opened my eyes to the happenings of African-Americans and the community in which we live. This is especially vital in a time when we need to come together," said Second Vice-President, **Chelsey Culley**.

"As a African- American male in today's society, I feel that the Million Man March was a way of unifying our race in trying times," said First Vice-President, **Raymond Lee** about his cultural experience.

Many members of the club felt that the activities which they participated in this year helped to unify them as a group.



**Mrs. Spicer** gets everything straight at weekly meetings.

The African Awareness Society invites all to participate.

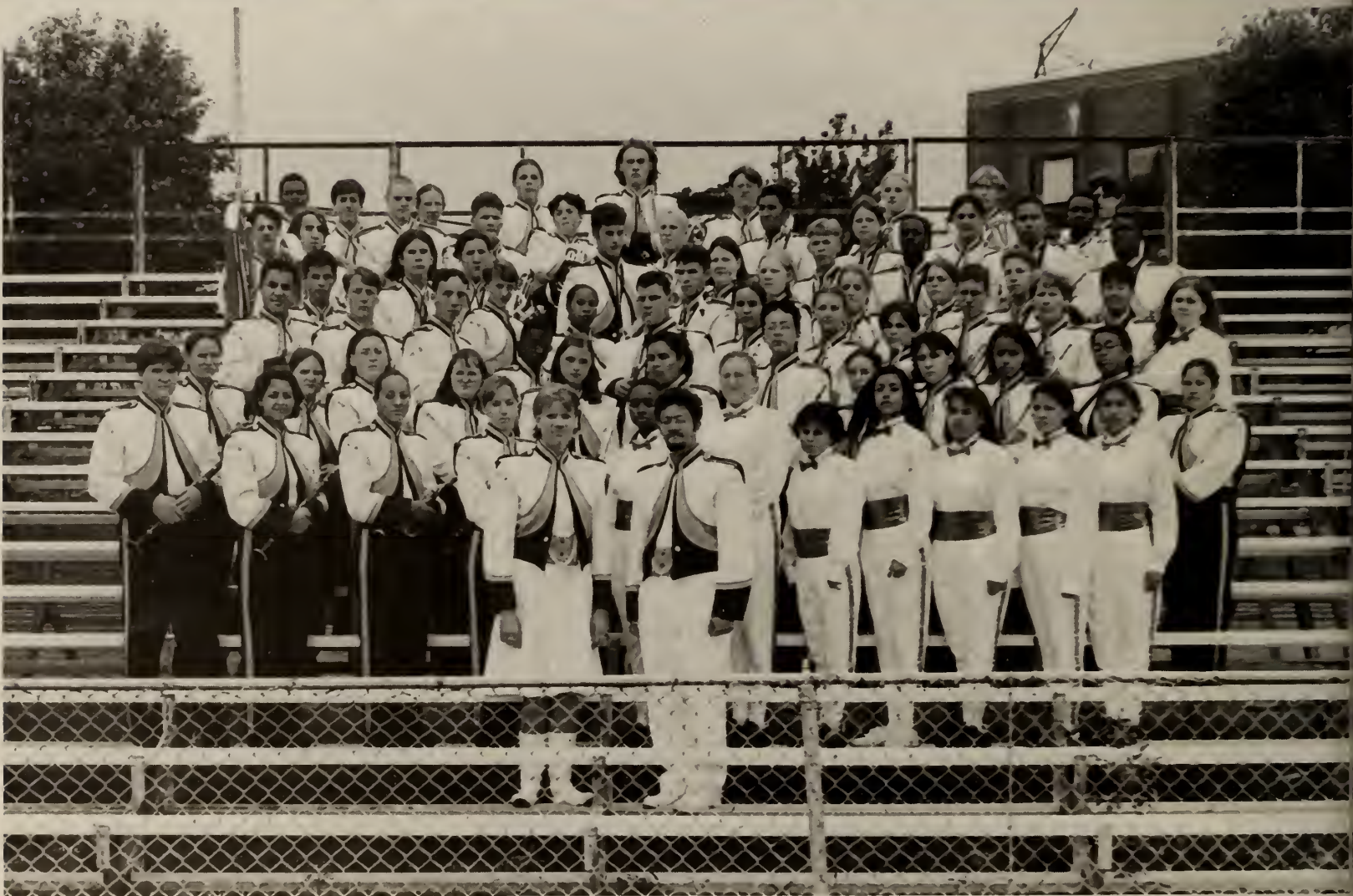


All attention is focused up front to hear the news going on in the African American communities.

**Luna** enjoys watching one of the many guest speakers at the African Awareness meeting.







Cedric Manning performs during a school assembly.

The percussion section of the band march through their routine at half-time.

The marching **Generals** stand proud for a group picture.





# "We're Just One Big Family..."



A former drum major said this of the Washington-Lee Band, and it still remains true this year, "The Concert and Marching Bands are a few of the many great organizations Washington-Lee has to offer." Sponsor, **Mr. Alex Robinson**, takes pride in helping many talented students perfect their musical abilities.

**Mr. Robinson**, as usual, did an outstanding job promoting music education among students on the intermediate, high school and college levels this year. The Band performed at school and in the community. Various events, ranging from football games, annual winter and spring concerts, and assemblies are always outstanding.

This year the drum majors were **Marja Van Orman** and **David Lassell**. The students in general did an outstanding job again this year and

and have a lot to be proud of.

The Band has been very successful at competitions for the past four years when competing with other students from Virginia and the East Coast. The Band brought home many awards, including a Grand Champion award, which is displayed in the W-L trophy case. The dedication these students showed has been an essential part of W-L's school spirit.

Many students, during the football season, waited in anticipation to see the band perform before school. Clarinet and trumbone player **Amanda Hildt** said, "The best way to support our football team was to have a band cheering them on." Drum major **Marja Van Orman** agreed.



tion by section, the band comes out to entertain students during the football game.

**sten Jensen** and the clarinet section play their hearts out during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



The Color Guard begins their routine as **Mr. Robinson** looks on.

The Marching Band is waiting attentively for **Mr. Robinson's** direction.





# Jazzin' it Up

Product of the Washington-Lee music department and led by the talented **Alex Robinson**--which ensemble are we referring to? The Washington-Lee jazz band of course! This band produces and uplifts those soulful, stylistic sounds of jazz music. The jazz band, along with the jazz combo, opened W-L's ears just a little more to this enchanting world. The jazz band is filled with talented musicians with at least two common interests--a love for music and an appreciation for jazz.

Performing in the various programs here at school are just a few of the ensembles' accomplishments. The Arlington area is fortunate enough to have such talented ensembles to perform at special programs. However, that's not where the jazz band stopped; they also

traveled to the Voc Fest Festival competition in Atlanta.

"It's all I've ever wanted to do, and it just makes you feel good. Playing Jazz is just one of the most unique experiences anyone can ever have," said a band member, **Marja Van Orman**. Washington-Lee takes pride in supporting the jazz band as they explore the world of jazz.

*"Jazz is one of my favorites because I like expressing my feelings through improvisation. When I'm playing the bass I dance around a lot, but don't tell."*

**—Mr. Robinson**



Jazz Band member, **Ricardo Calderon**, poses for the camera while he is dressed up and ready to go to his performance.

Band Director, **Mr. Robinson**, shows his talent as he plays with the W-L Jazz Combo.



Members of the Jazz Band tune up before their performance.

The W-L Jazz Combo performs the brilliant composition "Latin Riff," written by **Ricardo Calderon**, at the U.N. Assembly.





# Jazz Vocals



**Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, and Sarah Vaughan** are just a few jazz vocalists who were a strong influence on the talented vocalists in the jazz vocal ensemble. Sponsored by the gifted **Mary-Hannah Klontz**, the jazz vocals met only twice a week, but produced sounds that lasted throughout the week. The ensemble had sixteen members, including four dedicated alternates, who performed ensemble style jazz pieces by various artists.

This energetic group that is known for their glittering sequin jackets and swinging styles performed in various school-wide programs, local gigs and competed in the Voc Festival in Boston, Massachusetts. The purpose of the jazz vocal ensemble is not only to encourage those interested in singing jazz-styled music, but also to promote an appreciation for jazz music and it's accomplished artists.

This year's elected officers were President, **Jaime Fitzgerald** and Vice President **Chelsey Culley**. Tryouts for Jazz Vocals were held early in the school year for only a limited amount of people. The selected members were **Jaime Fitzgerald, Chelsey Culley, Marja Van Orman, Ayne Monique, Aya Hamano, Nikki Pfoutz, Leila Dominick, Bradley Pilot, Jason Roy, Raymond Lee, Mike Hadary, David Holiday, Omar Andrady, Chris Tyre, Marco Ovando, Mantaj Sehmi, and Andi Horne.**

"When singing jazz, I not only have to read the music, but it's a feeling that must come from within. With jazz you have to fully understand the music to be able to convey the emotions that are necessary," stated lead vocalist **Marja Van Orman.**



Jazz Vocal members study their sheets of music as they prepare for their performance.

Jazz Vocal director, **Mrs. Klontz**, meticulously assists her students on the piano.

Singers in the Jazz Vocals in action! These members are singing along with **Mrs. Klontz** and their music.

**Raymond Lee, Marja Van Orman, and Chelsey Culley** lead the Jazz Vocals during a practice.







**Brad Pilot** and **Paul Holland** stand at attention before performing.

**Sidd Shukla, Marja Van Orman, Jamie Fitzgerald** and other members are singing their hearts out.

Madrigals perform at the annual Thanksgiving assembly.





# MADRIGALS, CHORUS, AND CHOIR



The Washington-Lee chorus, choir, and Madrigals this year were directed by **Mrs. Klontz**. Chorus and Choir met daily during 5th period. These groups' objectives were to develop and improve breathing techniques, to use correct posture and to learn good vocal production. The choir and chorus performed at many school concerts like the Winter and Spring concerts, Homecoming and other school assemblies.

The Madrigals met every day during 6th period. The group consisted of 20 members. The President this year was **Sidd Shukla**; the Student Director was **Marja Van Orman**. These students performed at many functions this year including Back-To-School-Night, the Holiday Bazaar, various concerts, nursing homes and many places around the Arlington area.

Denisha Pelham

*A member of the Madrigals Chris O'Rear said: "Chorus, Choir, and Madrigals were very successful this year. I've enjoyed being in Madrigals, and I'm sad that this is my last year. There's something special about students coming together and singing during a hectic school day. All in all, I believe everyone has had an exciting year. Sing on, Madrigals!!!"*



Marco Orbando is singing his solo.

Mrs. Klontz is directing the choir at rehearsal.



Choir members look very tidy for their performance.

The Chorus performs at the annual Thanksgiving assembly.





# Student Trainers

All students who participated in sports or even just stayed after school for intramurals or in the weightroom have usually at least met a student trainer in the Washington-Lee athletic training room. These student trainers are the foundation of every team here at Washington-Lee. What would any team do if there was no one there to give them water, or to help any player at anytime if he or she's injured. The trainers are usually tougher than any other person on the field, court, or diamond. No matter what the weather conditions you can always find a student trainer on the sidelines. Not only are they there every game but also everyday after school, sometimes until nine or ten o'clock helping everyone. Helping athletes out with their injuries is only part of their duties; they also help at the concession stands, and with team

fundraisers. The student trainer club is the club that requires the most dedication and time, and only a few brave souls stick with it for the whole school year. This year the trainers had one of the largest numbers of members ever, eleven to be exact.

The officers included **Debbie Khan, Jenifer Counsbury, Miki Sanchez, and Lisa Hoai**, otherwise known as Chips-A-Hoy. The club was sponsored by **Mrs. Karen Taylor**, Washington-Lee's new Athletic Trainer. This year the trainers have started to keep tallies on the players who most visit the Training Room. For the girls, it was **Linda Cortez** and **Ada Ferriofino**, and for the guys, it was **Jason Standard, Matt Garcia, and Talley Rosado**. Becoming a student trainer is easy and no experience is needed.

The trainers sometimes are so busy that there aren't enough of them. This veteran trainer **Lisa Hoai** had to tape herself because all other trainers were busy.

These veteran trainers take a brief moment to pose with their new head trainer before going to work at our all important varsity football game.



Head Trainer Mrs. Karen Taylor always has time to explain everything to all of her trainers.

Dee Caza, David Smith, Debbie Khan, and Lisa Hoai can usually be found sitting here waiting to help anyone who comes through the door.





# Peer Mediators



As you walked down the hall have you ever heard a disagreement or seen a fight? Have you ever had this experience yourself and have you ever wondered where you can go to resolve your problems peacefully? Well there are people who can help; they are called Peer Mediators. Every time a situation arises between two or more people, two mediators are called in and all people involved go to discuss their problems quietly. The Peer Mediators are there not to choose sides but to make sure that each side is heard so that a fair and just agreement can be worked out between the opposing parties.

"Peer Mediation is a total school program. School based Peer Mediation is a process which offers students means of resolving problems without deeming one side the winner and the other side the loser; it offers win-win solutions,"

said **Mrs. Colello**, a school counselor and one of the sponsors. Other sponsors include **Mrs. Bawa**, **Mrs. Turner**, and **Mr. Bethel**. There are no officers in the club because, in order to keep their Peer Mediators fair, they should not have higher ranked Mediators. The Peer Mediators meet bi-monthly as needed in room 252. The Peer Mediation program is in its first year and some might say that it is in its trial year. This permits the Peer Mediators to go upward and improve in their years to come to this already beneficial program.

*"I find my Peer mediation skills not only beneficial to my fellow students but also in my own life."*

-Socheta Toum



This small group of Peer Mediators can handle even the biggest jobs.

**Socheta Toum** stops in the hall to help **Andrea Lazevnik** solve a small problem that she's having.

Peer Mediators **Joesph Eddy**, **Chelsea Culley**, and **Raymond Lee** discuss their methods of solving people's problems.

**Ann Anderson** met with her fellow Peer Mediators to talk about their recent cases.





# Thespians

Thespians was a club that promoted theatrical entertainment by performing plays throughout the year. The purpose of Thespians was to encourage students to participate in all aspects of the theatre and to foster an appreciation of drama. It must be said that the Thespians were the heart of entertainment here at Washington-Lee. They produced plays and rendered technical assistance at school assemblies that made drama fun and enjoyable to all W-L students.

This year's plays produced by the Thespians were: "The Curious Savage," and "The Music Man." Both were directed by sponsor/teacher **Mrs. Filpi**.

The potential of Thespian members is unmeasurable. Many brilliant performances here at W-L's stage have created ambitions for acting careers. A sophomore student here at

W-L (Robert Zalkind) starred in the Disney film "Heavyweights" in 1994.

*"Acting is a way to express yourself and thespians is the place to do it."*

**-Kerrie Salazar**

Thespian members for 1995 - 1996 included: **Kerrie Salazar, Cristina Alicea, Amy Barrett, Laura Hartman, Jody Wright, Robert Zalkind, Tim Olson, Kate Seikaly, Victor Rordvelt, Micah Utt, and Amy Barrett.**



This actress tries not to attract all of the attention to herself as an important scene goes on.

When **Amy Barrett** plays a part, she is sure to give it her all every second she is on stage.

These Thespian members take their jobs seriously, even at practice.

Cristina Alicea and Amy Barrett are two of W-L's rising stars who you might see one day on Broadway.





# WELCOME TO W-L



The Welcome to W-L club is an organization here at W-L that focuses on orientating new students to the school. It does this by giving new students a big brother or sister to answer their questions, show them around, and generally assist them in thier adaption to the school. Heading this assistance was the sponsor of Welcome to W-L club, **Mrs. Lopez**.

The Welcome to W-L club had many officers who helped to keep order in the meetings and run the club. The President was **Blanca Torso**. The Vice-President was **Jose P. Contreras**. The job of secretary was filled by **Maria Hernandez**, and **Fatima Valdez** was in charge of public relations.

This very special organization really helped the new students become a very important part of Washington-Lee. It provided a service

that helped these new students become comfortable in their new surroundings.

The Welcome to W-L club is one of the many special clubs here at Washington-Lee. It really helps students and it even seems to make the atmosphere at school much more peaceful and cooperative. Without the Welcome Club, as well as other assistance oriented clubs, education and cooperation would not be as abundant as it is today.

*"Our purpose is to help new students cope with the entrance into a new school and a new environment. This means participating in extracurricular activities, and just becoming generally involved."*

**-Mrs. Lopez**



Debbie Khan definitely seems like one of the friendliest members of the Welcome to W-L club.

President Blanca Torso poses with Marco Ovando after a meeting.



Welcome to W-L club member Erica Camacho flaunts her stuff for the camera.

These members stand ready to greet any upcoming freshman with open arms.





# National Honor Society

Have you ever noticed those few people who just always seem to have it together? Well, they probably belong to National Honor Society. These prestigious individuals exhibit leadership, service, and an all around good nature that always puts anyone in a good mood.

The National Honor Society is one of the oldest clubs here at Washington-Lee, and it honors the elite group of our schools' best and brightest. Each of these select students has shown excellence in four qualification areas, which includes: scholastic, leadership, service to their community and personal character. The society promotes and requires service to the school and its surrounding community throughout the whole year. This year the members of the National Honor Society had quite a busy schedule. Some of the events they participated in included their annual car wash, which benefited

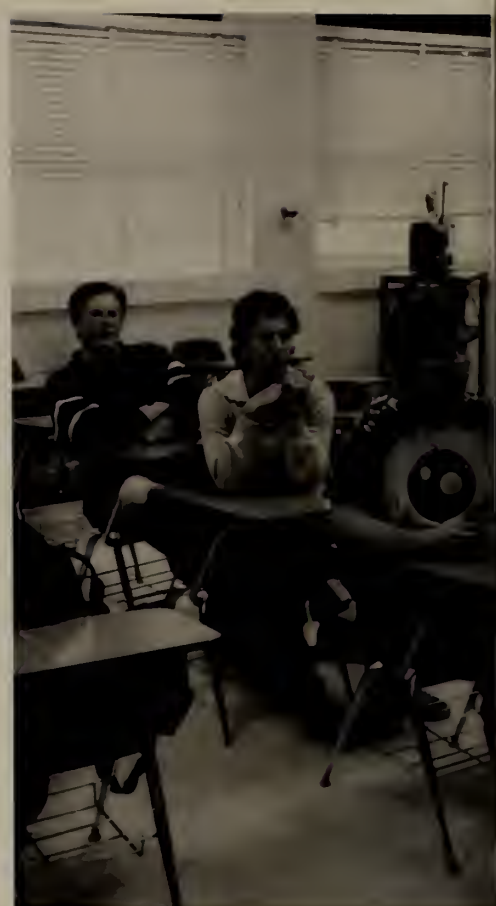
Hospice of Northern Virginia, and volunteer work with the Christmas in April foundation. Each member was expected to do ten hours of community service, and if they weren't helping their community, they were helping their fellow Washington-Lee students with after school tutoring. No matter where they helped out, someone benefitted from their services and that's what National Honor Society is there for.

This year's President was **Sidd Shukla**; the Vice President was **Bora Lee**; the Secretary was, **Ryan Agnew**, and **Ann Tonakarn** was the Treasurer. The club met approximately every month in Room 205 with their two sponsors, **Mrs. Wyatt Nocera** and **Dr. Fred Weinhardt**.



There's always a smile on a National Honor Society member's face, as displayed here by **Bryson Bort**.

**Wayne Ledinh**, **Graham McBride**, and **Erin Felker** even after a hard day of work, these new National Honor Society members listen carefully.



Is **Sophia Esterman** paying attention at the meeting?

**David Morland** takes time from the meeting to smile for a picture.







ident **Sidd Shukla** can be found almost everywhere  
ing a hand to his fellow students.

**Dr. Fred Weinhardt**, one of the club's sponsors, monitors  
the club but allows the students to run the show.

**Jody Wright** listens intently to the subject being discussed.





# DECA & C.O.E.

**DECA** is one of the more unique clubs at W-L. Its main purpose is to build leadership skills in the field of marketing. Sponsored by **Mrs. Lucy Moorhead**, the club, a co-curricular club, met monthly after school. Its civic responsibilities included Sullivan House and the Adopt-a-Highway program, and it holds an annual employers' appreciation banquet. It also sponsors a fashion show to top it all off. The VOC Fest fashion show is held annually at the Ballston Common Mall. At Arlington's sister mall, The Fashion Center Pentagon City, the club participated in the District Competition. Marketing students swept up all kinds of opportunities this year, some of which included designing the cover for the all-school UN Assembly, promoting UN activities in the community, and volunteering services at Nordstrom's

to work on the Giving/Wishing Tree during the winter holidays. In the District Competitions, six out of ten students placed first.

Office Technology II students have had the special opportunity of participating in the Cooperative Office Education Club, a co-curricular club. This year's group was spearheaded by **Cynthia Guadalupe** (president) and **Ms. Joann Levine** (sponsor). The other officers are as follows: **Vicky Bautista** (vice president), **Jasmine Irigoyen** (secretary), and **Minh Truong** (treasurer).

The club's goals were to recognize students and employers who participated in the work training program; recognize the school office staff who deal with office technology every day and keep abreast of the latest advances in office technology.



(Top Right) DECA Club members are "co-curricular" to the max. These ladies look forward to another successful year.

(Middle Left) These marketing students are studying various magazines. Magazines such as **Vanidade** are central to the club.

(Middle Right) **COE** club members have "on-hands" experience with office technology.

(Bottom Left) Ms. Levine's students are definitely photogenic.





# S.A.D.D.



Students against drunk driving, S.A.D.D., is an organization for students who want to know how to play it safe when it comes to drinking and driving. S.A.D.D. is a club that encouraged students to avoid driving while under the influence of alcohol, regardless of peer pressure and other factors in high school. The club also works in conjunction with M.A.D.D. (Mother's Against Drunk Driving)

The sponsors this year were **Joe Perolta, Ron Paterson, and Edyn Bauman.** There were many activities during the year to encourage students to refrain from drinking while driving. There were guest speakers, such as **Bill Welsh, Tom O'Neil and Jeff Sabot.**

Annually, around the holidays, S.A.D.D. ties red ribbons on many cars parked around

W-L. These ribbons are a reminder that students should not drink and drive. Hopefully, the efforts of the club will teach students that drinking and driving do not mix.

Facts: 1.) Eighty percent of all occupants killed in alcohol-related crashes are unrestrained by safety belts. 2.) An average of one alcohol-related traffic fatality occurs every 30 minutes. 3.) Today in the United States, traffic crashes are the greatest single cause of death for every age group between six and thirty-three years. Please don't drink and drive.

Vice-President **Chelsey Culley** said, "It is very important that students understand that drinking and driving do not mix. I'm also pleased that we have more students involved this year with the awareness of drinking and driving."



Sponsor, **Mrs. Bauman** directs the meeting.

S.A.D.D. members take time from their meeting to take a quick picture.



**Kathy Robinson**, and **Lauren Powell** sign up for car wash.

**Anne Anderson** takes time from listening to the meeting to smile for a quick photo.





# DEBATE TEAM

This year's Debate Team, sponsored by **Mr. Harocopos**, had much to contribute to Washington- Lee. This program gave students a chance to experience junior varsity and interscholastic debates. The Debate Team met every Friday in **Mr. Harocopos's** room, or the Penman room, to prepare themselves for the tournaments which took place throughout the year.

The Debate team participated in all of the Washington- Arlington Catholic Forensic League tournaments; in university tournaments; and VHSL district, regional, and state tournaments as well. To add to this list of stimulating activities, each summer a number of the Debate team members attend the George Mason University Summer Debate Institute for one to two weeks. Here the young group of students are being exposed to various activities which will definitely enhance their academic

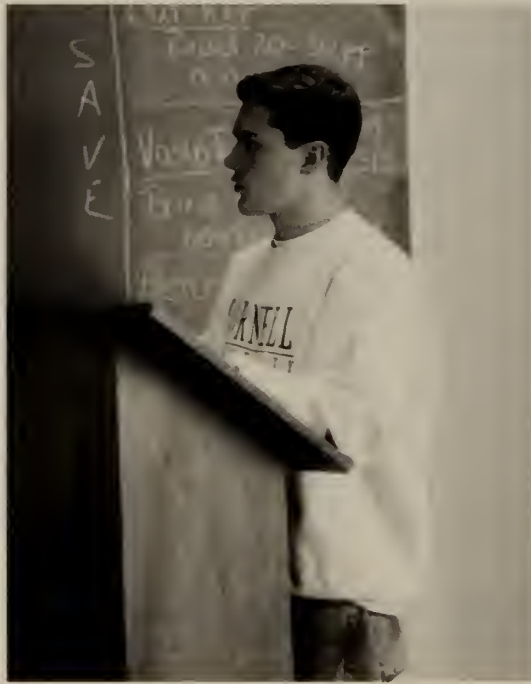
careers.

Several students participated and contributed to the Debate Team this year. This year's Debate Team was headed not only by Mr. Harocopos, but also by co-captains David Morland and Sidd Shukla.

*"Debate is a talent that can be taught, and can be learned. The skill and effectiveness of this is the trick, though. It is a very elusive quality which will help you prove your points with reason, rather than anger." -David Morland*

Not only are Tom Lee and Robert Zalkind a great team for debate, you can almost always find them discussing some interesting topic.

Debate sponsor, Mr. Harocopos, quietly and diligently sits and listens to his vociferous debate members.



Tycie Young checks with David Morland to get his opinion on an upcoming debate.

David Morland and Sidd Shukla study their notes before a crucial debate.





# JUGGLING CLUB



**Thadd Selden**, who had nothing better to do after school, formed the culturally diverse juggling club, the first in Washington-Lee's long history. He and some of his close friends, **Travis Doggett** and **Lisa Gottschalk**, had hoped to one day start a club of their own here at Washington-Lee; the Juggling Club satisfactorily met their needs and the needs of other unoccupied students.

The club's goals are straight-forward--learning the fundamentals of juggling; juggling with various instruments and devices; contact juggling (quite vicious); yo-yo juggling, three and five ball juggling; juggling chop-suey; juggling with wooden rods of various lengths; duck pin juggling; juggling jumanji; juggling acts; and the list goes on.

Due to strict school policy, however, students did not engage in any activities that would endanger their lives.

Original and charter member **Lisa Gottschalk** said of the Juggling Club (WLJC): "It's one of the few opportunities for jugglers to get together. There aren't many of us so it's a great thing."

Future goals include a possible trip to a local and/or national competition, a workshop with a juggling pro, and possible promotion as a sports club in the Northern Region and National District. Whether one came to participate, or just to sit and watch, a fun time was had by all.

--John C. Peck



"Juggling is a sport," thinks co-founder **Travis Doggett**.

The trickery and skill of juggling is demonstrated here.

The whole group gets into the act, and performs the famous "loop 'da' loop trick."

Contact Juggling can be quite dangerous.





# CROSSED SABRES

The Crossed Sabres staff produced the factual and entertaining publications which Washington-Lee students read throughout the school year. **Mrs. Morris** was the sponsor for Crossed Sabres. The co-editors were **Andre Chautard** and **Claudia Rente**.

The newspaper staff met everyday during fourth period as a regular class. They used this class time to write articles, follow beats, work on layouts and type up stories in the Macintosh Lab.

Newspaper member **Alan Zebrak** commented: "Newspaper was a great experience and a good way to make sure everyone stayed informed of school activities. It really helped me get to know students at W-L that I never knew."

The Reporters were **Joby Byroade**, **Nick Cannon**, **Chelsey Culley**, **Lu Duong**, **Ben Danforth**,

**Sym Hadiji**, **Rob Musser**, **Sarah Outland**, **Wendy Putnam**, **Chris Quay**, **Phillip Rouse**, **David Russell**, and **Alan Zebrak**.

**Phillip Rouse** said: "It is not only fun, but it is a way to express other student's views as well as your own."

Other editors included **Cecile Remington** for News; **Melissa Loerch** for Feature Story; **Lakeba Ricks**; assistant **Bethany Williams** for Opinion; **Tim Trahant** and assistants **David Russell** and **Alan Zebrak** for sports, and **Rui Barros** was the Photography Editor.

The Crossed Sabres had several returning staff members. The new staff members included a variety of students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

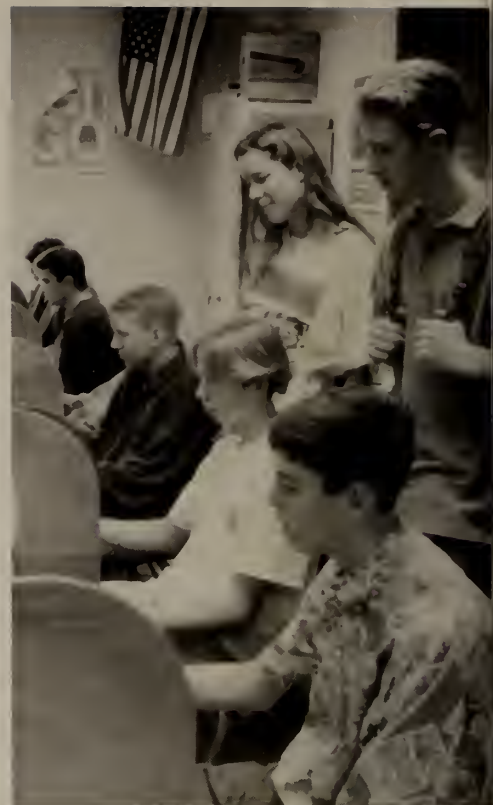


The Crossed Sabres staff works diligently in the Mac lab as they type up their stories.

**Lakeba Ricks** talks about the Homecoming layout to fellow newspaper members.

Co-editors **Claudia Rente** and **Andre Chautard** look at the final product of their newspaper.

**Lu Duong**, **Chelsey Culley**, and **Nick Cannon** work on producing their monthly publication of Crossed Sabres.





# PENMAN



Penman is the literary magazine of Washington-Lee. Penman published poetry, fiction, non-fiction and artwork. The Penman staff enters the magazine in the national evaluation service of the Virginia High School League. The Penman has consistently been awarded Medalist from CSPA and Trophy Class from VHSL.

This year, the Penman was also granted the Charles E. Savedge Award from VHSL, for sustained excellence in scholastic journalism. The proud Penman staff was led by **Mr. John Harocopos**. The editors were: Chief Editor, **David Morland**, and Associate Editor, **Siddhartha Shukla**. The staff met everyday fifth period, in Room 218.

The rest of the Penman staff was made up of Washington-Lee seniors, who each had an interview with **Mr. Harocopos** before they were placed on the staff. The magazine came out with several issues this past year. In order to raise money, staff members sold popcorn for \$1 a box after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at sporting events.

Editor **David Morland** said: "Penman is something that I have looked forward to. It is a privilege as a senior at Washington-Lee to be one of the few that are chosen for this magazine; not to mention that it was a lot of fun.



**David Morland** discusses matters with **Andre Chautard**

**Melanie Guryansky** and fellow Penman staff sneak time for a laugh during their busy workload.



**Ryan Agnew** busily crops artwork for the upcoming Penman issue.



**Kim Philley**, **Sidd Shukla**, and **David Morland** are caught during a silent moment while looking over work for Penman.







**Faye Stylianios** and **Ruza Afram** take a brief moment out of their busy yearbook schedules to hug and smile for the camera.

**Denisha Pelham** and **Renee Curbois** collaborate on a layout concerning their organization spread.

Sponsor, **Denise Dawson**, confers with editor **Faye Stylianios** and staff member **Heather Hall** about a picture for the yearbook.





# BLUE AND GRAY

For anyone who has never worked on a publication, it may be hard to imagine how much work putting out the Blue & Gray is. This includes: long hours, frequent trips to different classrooms, bothering busy teachers, quoting students, and making last minute runs to the one-hour photo-mat at deadline time; this translates into many headaches. So why do it? Co-editor in-chief **Ruza Afram** said, "Yes, it is a lot of work, and stress too; but when you see the results, it is all worth it."

This year's Blue and Gray staff was headed by sponsor **Mrs. Denise Dawson**, and co-editors in-chief **Faye Stylianios** and **Ruza Afram**. The section editors were, **Kathy Rooney**, seniors; **Eric Klintberg**, organizations; **Tony Valdivieso**, sports; **John Peck**, faculty and **Aimee Barber**, student life.

This year's theme, "A Time For Change,"

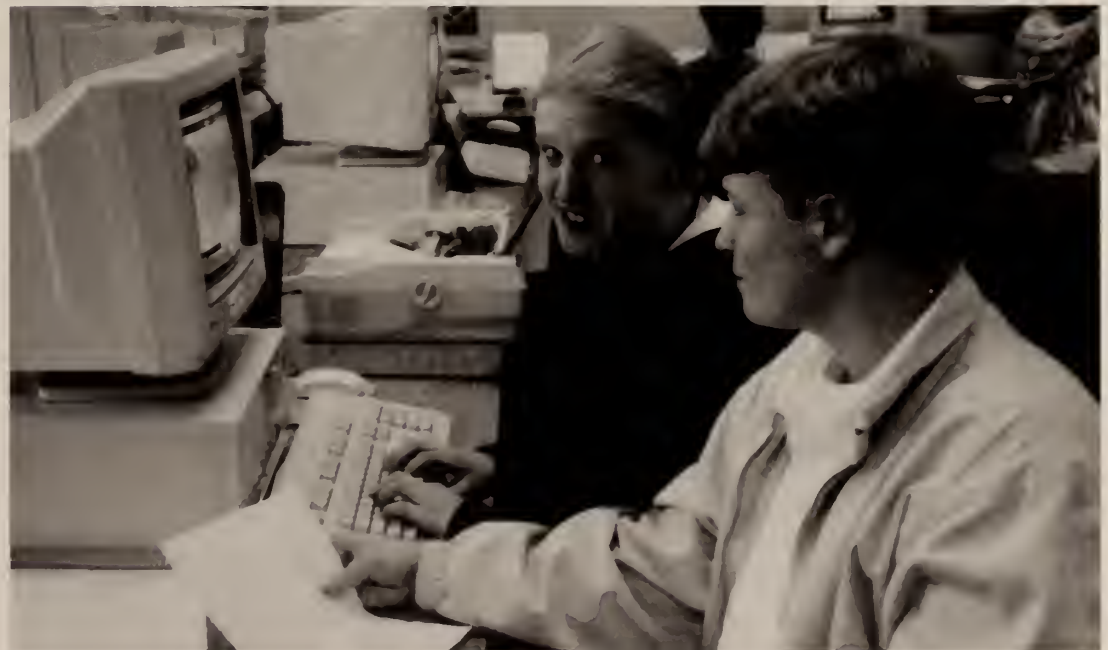
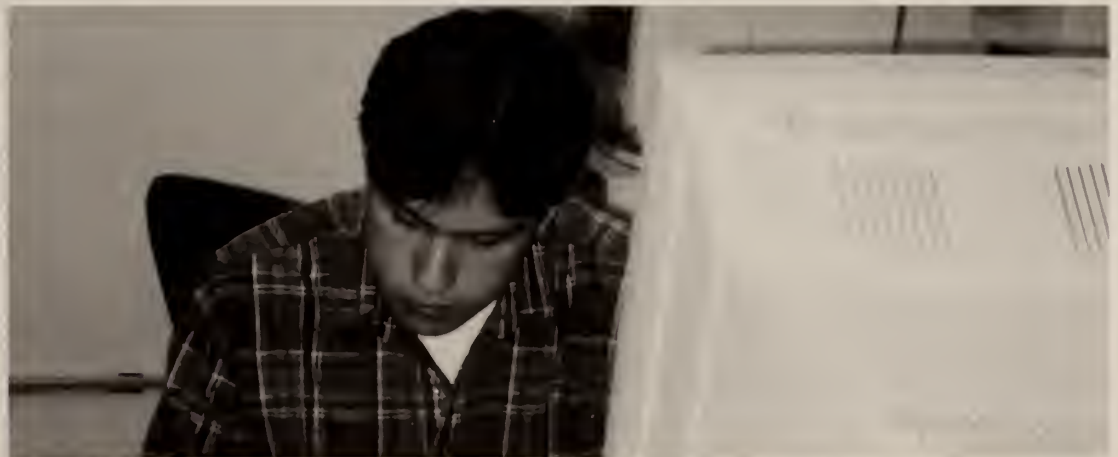
was a result of two major factors: the knowledge that the style of the yearbook had not changed in years, and the overall feeling of change which was pervasive at Washington-Lee during the 1995-1996 school year. Co-editor in-chief, **Faye Stylianios** said: "We were so tired of hearing complaints about how the yearbook looked that we designed the layouts differently to give the yearbook an entirely new look. We didn't want that same idea this year."

The yearbook has been done on computer for two years now, and it can be a struggle. But, the Washington-Lee yearbook staff had to evolve with the rest of the world and move on to computers. After all the hard work, there were two great perks: the staff got fourth quarter off, and we got to see the finished product weeks before anyone else.



The staff of the senior section take their eyes off the screen for a second so we can get a good look at them.

Senior yearbook member **Jessica Eberhart** is hurrying to crop pictures as the deadline approaches.



First year yearbook students **Justin Geiger** and **Heather Hall** try to catch a moment of calm as the busy yearbook room is filled with noise.

**John Peck** looks over copy for track and field for the sports section.





# CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club is one of the most competitive clubs here at Washington-Lee. The basic purpose of the Chess Club is to teach members the fundamentals and rules of chess, and to compete against other schools.

The Chess Club officers were led by President, **Bryson Bort** and Vice President **Peter Strack**. The President was chosen in an interesting and unusual fashion this year. A tournament was held among the club's twenty members. The winner and player with the highest score was **Bryson Bort**, who went undefeated in the tournament. The team also played at invitationals as well as competes every year in the Virginia State Championships and the Metro Area Chess League. The club met every other Thursday in room 237 with sponsor **Mr. Rod Uveges**.

The Chess Club is always in need of new members, so if you think that you are up to the

challenge, come join the Washington-Lee Chess Club and test your talents against some of the best players in Arlington.

*"Chess is a hobby that really tests your mental strength and your abilities to maneuver strategically. It has often been considered a boring game, but it is really a satisfying feeling to win."*

*-Rob Knapik*



This Chess Club member ponders his next move in this heated match.

**Arnie Larson** and **Matt Tschetter**, both first year members, begin their first match of the meeting.



Sponsor **Mr. Rod Uveges** looks over a chess match.

Vice President **Peter Strack** is prepared to lead the upcoming meeting.







Eddy and Rob Knapik stare each other down as Eddy prepares his next move.

First year Chess Club member Gary Nina takes a break to answer some questions.

In a tough match, both Jerry Poplin and Nick Doheny take their time and mull over their strategies before committing to a move.





# COMPUTER CLUB

Many students at Washington-Lee have a great deal of interest in things outside of school, away from their regular school curriculum. They use their interests in many different ways, but mostly they use them to have fun. One way for students to use their after school energy is to learn about computers, a much needed skill in today's technological work force. At Washington-Lee many students turned to the Computer Club to learn many very complex skills. Not only do they teach themselves, but students encourage others to come and give the computer world a shot. One way of doing this, the Computer Club decided, was to hold a "Primal Rage" contest in hopes of turning people who play video games on to the exciting world of computers. After the tournament they asked that students to stay and learn about

the complex world of the Internet. During the course of the year members learned how to program a computer, set up their own billboard on the Internet, and they also sampled up coming games that were not on the market yet. Despite the slow start of the club, it constantly grew through the course of the school year, welcoming anyone willing to learn.

This year's club officers were very helpful and courteous to the new members and led the club to a very successful year. This year's President was **Bobby Anand**, the Vice President was **Bryson Bort**, and **Brian North** took on the roles of two important positions of Secretary and Treasurer. The club was sponsored by computer wiz, **Mr Uveges**. It met the first and third Thursday of every month in Room 237.

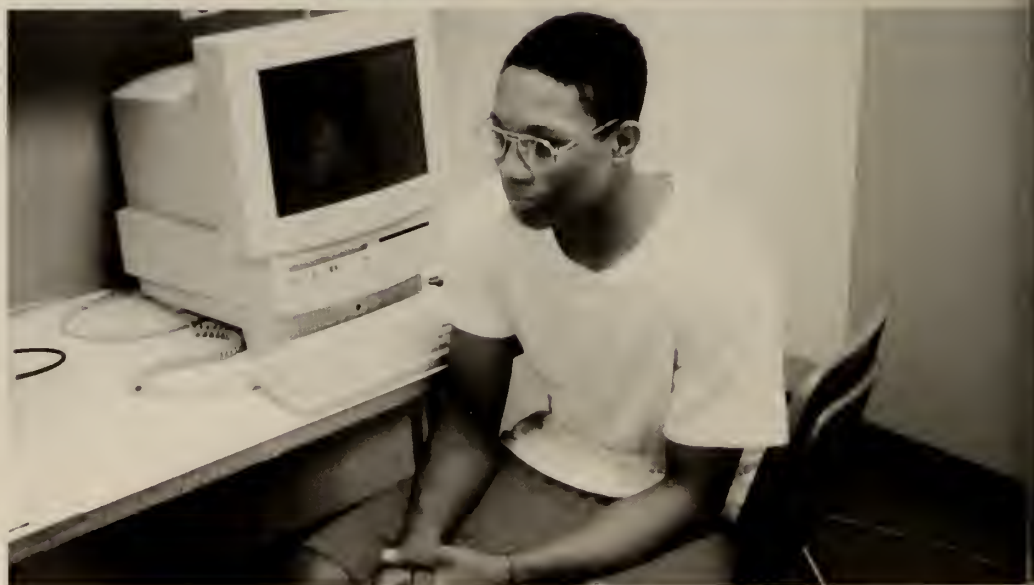
**Joesph Eddy** concentrates on the screen of his computer as he contemplates his next move in computer chess.

**Mr. Rod Uveges** is the mastermind behind the Computer Club, and uses most of his time trying to find new computer programs to challenge his club.



**Ron Dawkins** loves to show his impressive scores on solitaire. He seems to solitaire really enjoy this game.

**Travis Neighbors** pauses to contemplate what he is going to write about. Even though he was experiencing a touch of writer's block, you can always be sure that he will produce a masterpiece.







Senior first baseman, **Chris O'Conner**, throws a man out at home plate.

Sophomore, **Julio Rivas**, shows us why he is the starting catcher under the supervision of **Coach Grove**.



## Big League

This year's varsity baseball team had a lot to live up to. **Adam Solander** put it well saying, "There is a lot of pressure on us since we're going for our third straight District Championship."

Head Coach **Doug Grove** pushed these guys to the limit in order to have a successful season. The team practiced every day after school from 3:00 to 6:00 at nearby Quincy Field. With help from assistant coaches, **Clements**, **Greenstreet** and **Carter**, the Generals seemed promising.

The Generals' team was led by

two exceptional captains, senior **Jeff Horwitt** and junior **Steve Clark**. Through their outstanding leadership skills the rest of the team was able to follow.

A major highlight of this year's season was their annual trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida. In this tournament they fared very well, which was a prelude to their season.

Other members include: **C. Hem**, **G. Martinez**, **A. Zebrak**, **G. McBride**, **P. Ayers**, **C. O'Connor**, **L. Tiglao**, **J. Lynn**, **J. Rivas**, **E. Schaefer**, **M. Jensen**, **C. Walker**, and **B. Benitez**.

**Steve Clark**, three year varsity member, smashes a line drive into the outfield during batting practice.





# Little League



**Coach Terry Dwyer**, always busy making notes on his clipboard, at this odd moment pauses for a picture.

The J.V. baseball team gathers to take a team photo. Each player has individual strength and when put together they are an awesome force.

The three team captains, **Ian O'Rourke**, **Matt Quattlebaum**, and **Doug O'Rear** showed great leadership through the course of the season.



Equipped with many young faces eager to be moved up to the varsity team, this year's JV baseball team had a most successful season. With most of the starters sophomores, the infield and outfield were experienced and ready for all of their opponents. With the newly arrived freshmen eagerly waiting to take a position and show what they can do, the sophomores also taught the awaiting freshmen the ways of high school baseball. This year's baseball team saw last year's coach, **John Norris** move on to coach GMU baseball and bring in a new coach named **Terry Dwyer**. **Coach Dwyer** played varsity baseball all through high school and also played on a division two college team. **Coach Dwyer** taught his new team the funda-

mentals and discipline of baseball.

For most of the pre-season the team was forced to practice inside which made it hard to adjust to the soft grass of the field, but the team persevered. Often the JV team was forced to practice with varsity because of the lack of practice fields. Other times they had to make due with the use of a small softball field which instead of grass had hard dirt and rocks.

Despite all of the set backs the JV team was able to put together a successful season, which not only taught the kids how to play baseball but also how to work as a team.

This year's captains were **Doug O'Rear**, **Matt Quattlebaum**, and **Ian O'Rourke**. Next year's squad should be just as powerful and have just as good a season as this year if not better.





# The Boys Are Back

The Washington-Lee varsity boys' tennis team was hard at work this year. The team was coached by **Loranzo Alexander**. The team practices everyday after school from 2:30 to 5pm. At the end of practice, coach **Alexander** has the athletes do "suicides" on the tennis court and work on sprints. When the weather does not permit the team to practice outdoors, the team meets and holds practice in the school's weight room.

Unlike most varsity sports that have competitions only once a week, the boys' varsity tennis team has two or three matches a week once the season gets into full swing. The tennis team plays in both singles and doubles events.

The managers for the 1996 boys' varsity tennis team were juniors **Tory Mahaley** and **Joanna Lederle**. The seniors on the team were **Mike Durishin** and **Tony Stanley**. There was a lot of competition for the number one seed on the tennis team this year because of the abundance of highly talented players. **Mike Durishin** enjoyed being captain of the team. H-B junior, **Clyde Wentling** said, "I enjoy playing tennis for Washington-Lee because it gives me a chance to be on an excellent tennis team."

W-L junior **Joe Eddy** said, "Tennis is a very challenging sport, but I find it to be very rewarding."



omore **Nelson Paredes** hits a forehand shot during a practice match.

Senior captain **Mike Durishin** goes for a backhand shot from the base line.



These members of the boys' tennis team wait anxiously for their coach to arrive so that they can begin playing.

Junior **Joe Eddy** follows through on a forehand shot. Practice makes perfect





# Show 'em How It's Done

The Washington-Lee girls' varsity soccer team was hard at work this year. The team practiced everyday after school from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The team is coached by **Judy Watson** accompanied by boys' varsity soccer coach **Aldo Vito** who occasionally helps out at practice.

One of the varsity soccer teams greatest benefits is their ability to get along well. In order to do this the captains organize camping trips and dinners throughout the season. Senior captain **Emma Brown** said, "One of our team's greatest

strengths is that we get along off of the field which translates to great teamwork on the field."

After winning the district championship last year, the girls' varsity soccer team faced the challenge of losing several key players last year. The team had made up for this loss through strengthening returning players, and acquiring new players this year.

A returning sophomore and star player for the girls' soccer team, **Kelly Snyder**, said, "I enjoy the comradery on the team. We are all such good friends that we work as one on the field."

**Lauren McManus** passes the ball during practice with **Yvana Cordova** in the background.



**Yvana Cordova** makes a pass during an indoor scrimmage.

Senior captain **Amanda Hildt** goes for a goal during an indoor practice.







## Dribbling to Victory

W-L's varsity boys' soccer team kicked off another great season. Coach **Aldo Zito** came back to lead Washington-Lee through a great year. The team practiced everyday after school and had two to three games a week. These boys worked hard all season and were seen hustling on the field. Many members considered it a privilege to be on such a promising team, with such a history of victory.

Last year the varsity team was able to win the National District Tournament. This was the first time in twenty years that W-L was able to capture such a prestigious trophy. So this season the team had their eyes on the District Tournament with six players who

had returned to hopefully defend their title. The new players had returning senior captains **Matt Garcia** and **Jorge Sands** and key player **Omar Romero** to look up to.

This year's team strategy was to focus on teamwork. They practiced their passing, dribbling, and endurance. They built a strong offensive as well as a defensive team with goalie **Jose Chavez**.

Captain **Matt Garcia** said, "We have a lot of individual talent, hopefully we can come back as a team and win the district. Even when we lost we always learned from it. That was how we were able to win so many times. I'm glad I got a final chance to play for W-L."

boys' varsity soccer team poses for a picture with **Coach Aldo Zito** and their managers.

Goalie **Jose Chavez** and team member **Hector Perla** discuss their next move during a game.

The team gathers for a meeting before a game.

**Hector Perla** practices his dribbling technique before getting on the playing field.







## Hit and Run

Last year's girls' JV soccer team had a squad that was composed of several new soccer players that made a winning team. What they were lacking in experience they made up for in commitment, and this year was no different.

This year's JV girls' soccer team got off to a rocky start, but were able to pull themselves together and earn a successful season. In the beginning there were over sixty students trying out for the team, and unfortunately **Coach Jose Torrico** had to cut some of the hopeful soccer players. The final squad was a well formed team of girls who had the speed, the skills, and the will to win.

The JV girls played games in a variety of places; once they had to drive an hour and a half to a school for a scrimmage. At this scrimmage they played on a field that was so bad that often the players were running faster than the ball was moving.

The JV team lost this game, but it was a wake up call for the group. It set the standard and allowed the girls to see what kind of competition they would be up against through the course of the year. The veteran JV girls not only led the team but were sharpening their skills for the next year when they would have a shot at starting for varsity.



Sophomore **Beth Giles** turns around when she should be paying attention to her coach.

**Coach Torrico** takes down the names of each player while handing out uniforms.

**Angela Garcia** and **Ruth Affrum** listen attentively to their coach.

These sophomore friends pose for a picture to show that soccer can be fun.





# Hit or Miss



Like their varsity counterparts, JV boys' soccer performed well throughout the season. Many members of the J.V. team look forward to joining the ranks of the varsity team next year. The team was led by coach **Robert Snow**. He encouraged cooperation among the players and instilled a sense of purpose among them all.

Many of the players who participated in intramural indoor soccer and the World Cup tournament decided to try their talent at outdoor soccer. Thus, the team had experience to build on. Junior **Omar Castellanos (Pete)** believes that "the team has great potential. We make the best of all of our practices."

The team had a strong start this year in a tie match with powerhouse Fairfax; the score was 1-1. The team also competed against Herndon, Wakefield, Stuart, Yorktown, Langly, and Edison. To achieve the high standards which contributed to their many victories, hours of after school practice time was put in. Practice averaged about eleven hours a week, but the hours of hard work definitely paid off.

**Jose Hernandez** best represents the overall spirit and success of this year's JV team; after one practice he exclaimed, "JV soccer is the best!"

The JV team puts on tough faces to ward off the opposition.



The goalies, **Greg Byrne** and **Nello Marconi**, do a dancing routine

Nello Marconi slides for the ball with sophomore **Ben Danforth** in pursuit.







## Pulling Away

The 1996 boys' crew team had another great season under the coaching of **Tom Chisnell**, **Derek Parsons** and **Ed Headvall**, who coached the junior varsity team.

Many of the returning members worked hard throughout the terrible winter and spring storms in order to have a successful season. As always, the team was worked very hard in practice: running, stretching, weight-lifting, and rowing all around the Potomac to help develop endurance and stamina. Once again, there were many new rowers wanting to learn and become part of the crew experience.

Led by captains **James Defilippi** and **Tim Trahant**, the team took part in races in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Crew members practiced six days a week from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

after school until the regattas began, which usually took all day Saturday. "Crew is not only about having fun on the water, it's about hard work, developing strength and endurance, and our crew knows what working out is all about! We get it all!" said junior rower **Tarek Ksaybati**.

The strenuous workouts and time consumption are tough for many of the team members. Despite that, almost everybody that participates in crew enjoys its rewards. Competing in district, Northern Virginia and national races, W-L students drew respect from many strong local crew teams.

The difference between this year and other years was that everyone was really serious about crew.



The boys' varsity eight boat pulls on during practice on the Potomac.

The 1996 Washington-Lee crew team.

Coxswain **Jerry Poplin** guides the boys varsity eight boat.

Captain **James Defilippi** goes all out during practice.





# Rowing Ahead



The girls' 1996 crew team had another excellent season. Led by senior captains **Jessica Eberhart**, **Leslie Billings** and **Ann Tonakarn**, they were successful in improving the team from last year. With numerous new rowers and many older ones, the team was able to compete and do well in races all over Virginia.

The crew members worked hard, as always, during practice, lifting, exercising, and rowing. All this work helped the team to prepare for tough races and intense competition.

"Crew is a sport that requires a lot of hard work. It gives me a great feeling inside because I know that, due to my dedication, I'm doing something

good for myself, both physically and mentally," said captain **Jessica Eberhart**.

For the freshmen, the rigorous workouts and the fact that it took away their free time was something new. "Crew was great, but throughout it, the only other thing I had time to do was homework," said freshman **Clare Parker**.

Rowing depends on everyone moving in unison. If one person makes a mistake, then the entire boat is hurt. That is why conditioning and teamwork are so important in crew.

The team is coached by **Nancy Butt Packer**, **Brenda Vale**, and the novices by **Michelle Geiger**.

**Jordon Uffen** and **Sophia Esterman** take a short break during practice on the Potomac.



One of the girls' boats rows down the Potomac during a beautiful spring day

Julia Pons works out on the ergs during crew practice.





# Major League

Each year the varsity softball team grows and develops. This year's team surpassed all those in previous years. They were led by their captains, fast throwing pitcher **Kara Campbell** and her counterpart catcher **Valerie Bernardo**. Both were seniors and encouraged the rest of their teammates.

These girls had a rigorous schedule, with practices every day after school for two hours. They drilled themselves on throws, catches, batting, running, and strategies. These girls had their hopes up in winning the District title.

Entering the season, they also were looking forward to another tournament in Ocean City that occurs every April. They won it last year and were unwilling to give it up.

With so many competitors, they knew it would be difficult, but they were up for the challenge.

Senior right fielder **Laura Hartman** said, "Our main concern is not winning. We go out there as a team to have fun and to do our best. If we win that would just be icing on the cake, but it's only a game."

Co-captain **Kara Campbell** said, "I'm really impressed with the team this year. We've worked really hard and we are proud of it. Nothing could bring us down."

Many newcomers learned from their mistakes this year. They all expressed a stitch of regret for the end of the season, but had high hopes for next year. Watch out W-L, these girls are rearing to go.



The Senior elite show their appreciation of softball and each other.

The Varsity Softball team poses for a picture with their coach, **Rick Cauthen**.



Co-Captain **Valerie Bernardo** is drilling her batting technique in an indoor practice.

**Valerie Bernardo** and **Tawnya Teneq** discuss strategy for the next game, their coach, **Rick Cauthen**.







This outstanding player slides to first base.

Team members smile prettily for the camera just before the game begins.



## Softball: "It's Fun!"

The JV softball team was outstanding this year--right from the beginning. After a scrimmage at Osborne High School in Manassas the team foresaw a very challenging, yet optimistic, year ahead of them. Under the leadership of J.V. coach **Jen Schuster**, the team made its mark on all who dared defeat them. For example, W-L had the rare chance of competing against T.C. Williams, which has a reputation for tough, no frills outfielders. JV also used their skills against Wakefield, Yorktown, West

Potamac, Edison, and Annandale.

Cooperation and a positive spirit defined this year's J.V. team and determination among the various players brought victory. Sophomore **Elayne Gerald** said, "Softball is a great sport. It's fun! You get to hang out with your friends, and it gives me something to do."

The arctic air in the beginning of the season forced the team to practice in Campbell Gymnasium. Despite a broken window and other chaos, gym practices were an experience not to be forgotten.

This team member practices for an upcoming game.







## Racing to Victory

Once again the outdoor track team raced through their season. They were coached by **Mr. Hill**, **Mr. Findler**, and **Mr. Brittain**. The track team practiced every day after school for two hours. The team showed their endurance by running long distances on near by bike paths for practice. Intervals were also done on W-L's track in 90 degree weather. W-L's track team went through a hectic schedule with two track meets a week and invitationals on Saturdays. They also participated in a couple over night meets. This year's captains were seniors

**Kathy Rooney**, **Jason Pruzin**, **Mike Durishin**, and junior **Edith Guevara**. All four of them proved

to be great role models for new members.

There was one thing which made this year's outdoor track team a memorable one. A group of close-knit seniors were given a chance to make one last impact on W-L. These seniors have been running their hearts out all year long from cross-country track, to indoor track, and finally outdoor track. They all agreed that this year was the best.

Captain **Mike Durishin** said, "It was a real hard season and we pulled through it as a team. I was proud to be from W-L at meets and I will always remember all the fun we had. I think that track has taught us all to discipline our bodies, but never neglecting our minds."

Members of the track team gather for a group picture before a home meet.

Captain **Kathy Rooney** directs her team in a cool down after a strenuous practice.

The team stretches together before beginning another day of practice.

Runners compete in a friendly race on L's track.





# Muscle Men



The boys' gymnastics team had much to prove this year, after a stellar season by the girls' gymnastics team. Muscle, spirit, grace, and the combined skills among the team members were integral to the success of the team as a whole, not to mention the individual talent of every boy.

Coach **Joe D'Emidio** conducted each member through a rigorous regimen which improved their strength, flexibility, and the special skills unique to gymnastics. Co-captains **William Deynes** and **Marco Ovando** helped Coach **D'Emidio** and formed a formidable backbone of the team. This leadership was necessary to compete against powerhouse teams such as Madison, South Lakes, and Centreville.

They also met stiff competition from rival Yorktown. This year's team was larger than the previous year due to the number of new gymnasts. Co-captain **William Deynes** explains, however, that "a lot of old members have greatly improved." The experience of these older gymnasts contributed to the success of the novices. The cooperation between old and new members alike resulted in victorious meets.

Practices were held from 2:30 to 4:30 every afternoon in the auxiliary gyms. Here, they practiced on the vault, balance beam, uneven bars, and the rings, which all involve high levels of skill and difficulty. The long hours in the gym definitely paid off. Kudos to the boys' gymnastics team!

**Stephen Jeffries** is the ringmaster.



**Stephen Jeffries** is also the muscle man.

**William Deynes** concentrates while holding on to the parallel bars.











It's summertime, summertime, sum-summ-summertime...." If the cheer as the final bell sounds before summer vacation isn't a clue, it can easily be said that W-L students look forward to summer. It means long, lazy days spent with friends, warm summer evenings cruising around Arlington, or hanging out at Baskin-Robbins. Or for some, it means eight hour days at work, summer internships, and summer school. For the lucky ones it meant summer trips to colleges, other states, other countries, and other continents.

A lucky few from W-L got to travel to Aachen, Germany as part of the sister-city exchange program. Junior **Bora Lee** acted as the Ambassador of Friendship. Senior **Denisha Pelham** said, "The trip to Germany was a wonderful experience for me because I was able to participate in another culture, rather than just learning about it." Several students attended Girls' and Boys' State, while others attended the Governor's schools for the Visual and Performing Arts, Humanities, and Foreign Languages. **Sidd Shukla** said, "It was one of the best experiences I've ever had. It was incredible to be around more than 400 other people who really wanted to be there and were excited about learning."

The seniors, taking a different tack for raising funds, decided to hold a "fun-in-the-sun" car wash on August 26, raising over \$300. The varsity cheerleaders, football team, field hockey, and cross country teams all began practicing during the summer, showing their dedication to general excellence. Even though it seemed like it, the summer didn't end when school started, with warm days and pleasant evenings luring students to the early football games. And as for the summer of 1996, well, the seniors looked forward to Beachweek, the juniors looked forward to getting past junior year, the sophomores look forward to being juniors (until they learned better), and the freshmen were just glad they arrived. For all, the summer would be a welcome **change**.



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**Denisha Pelham** and **Bora Lee** goof around in Aachen, Germany during their 3-week stay as exchange students.

**Ruza Afram** at one of many tap jazz recitals, sponsored by Arlington Apprentice Tap Jazz Co.



Senior **John Peck** poses along the Blue Ridge Parkway on a visit to University of Virginia.







**Christine Stewart** and **Aimee Barber** enjoying their summer vacation at Young Life Camp on Lake Saranac, New York.



**Jordan Uffen**, **Kate Seikaly** and fellow summer rowers smile after rigorous competition at the Canadian Henley races.



**Jesse Lynn** enjoys his summer golfing on a lovely July afternoon.



Seniors having fun in the sun at Ocean City, Md.

## *It's Summertime...*

"Summer memories last, as time goes by."

-Aimee Barber

Summer time is a time of relaxation for many students. For some students summer vacation is a time for summer school. Many students this summer had an opportunity to travel to other countries and live abroad, like **Denisha Pelham** and **Bora Lee**.

Often many students do not have the chance to relax on their summer vacation. When **Tu-Anh Bui** was asked what she did on her summer break she said, "I worked two jobs and hardly had time to relax, but it was still fun." The beach, Kings Dominion, days by the pool, sleeping all day, camp, and family trips

are what summer breaks are made of. Many students take this opportunity to visit other towns or countries. Some students spend time developing interests for new hobbies, while a few spend additional hours enjoying dance or music lessons.

By the time that school rolls around, not many students are ready to face another ten months. "During the last week of the summer I try to cherish every waking moment of freedom I have, and have as much fun as possible," said **Aimee Barber**.

-Raymond Lee





# A Look Back...

## A glance back on the year's best moments ('95-'96)

When it was time for us to head back to school, the school year seemed endless. Yet we found that ten months experiencing all the great things that Washington-Lee had to offer its students made time fly by.

Homecoming in October was a favorite time of year for everyone. That week we came together as a student body. We supported our football team and our class, and when it was all over we danced the night away to celebrate the week's events. The theme of the dance was, "Oh What A Night!," and what a night it was.

Another special time of the year was boy's basketball sea-

son. They had a terrific season - one of the best in years. They won the Fairfax Christmas Tournament in December, and were impressive for the rest of the season, drawing crowds both home and away.

The "Blizzard of '96" brought us a lot of snow, and a week off from school. It was a welcome break, despite the fact that it happened right after our holiday break!

From the new attendance policy to a regionally ranked basketball team, '95-'96 was a year worth remembering. We all take with us something to remember from our **time for change**.



Homecoming King **Tony Stanley** escorts the Queen, **Emma Brown**, at the 1995 Homecoming Game against Jeb Stuart.



The Homecoming Dance, "Oh, What A Night," was a success for the class of 1996.



Washington-Lee put on the annual Holiday Bazaar, which is popular with both the public and students.

The winter season brought us almost three feet of snow, and a nice break.







Senior **Peter Strack** gazes out on the New York City skyline on **Ms. Jeen's** government field trip.



Our school was represented on "It's Academic" by three of our seniors, **Ruza Afram, David Morland, and Emma Brown.**

These three sophomores participated during Spirit Week, by dressing up on "Pajama Day."





# FRESHMEN...HOOK-UP

To be a freshman is to have a new beginning. The freshmen had to hook up the connection to begin. The *Freshmen Connection* is a special program that was started in 1990 by **Mrs. Peggy Jeens**. It is a program that helped the freshmen have a smooth transition from middle to high school. The connection consists of seventeen teachers, with **Mrs. Sally Bassler** as the coordinator this year. These teachers offered services and helped mentor freshmen.

The year started off with the election of class officers: President, **Mohit Chopra**; Vice-President, **Scott Blitgen**; Secretary, **Eileen Flowers**; Treasurer, **Bridget Mallon**; Senators, **Ingrid Lara**, **Thearry Bun** and **Jamie Ryan**; S.C.A 3rd Vice-President, **Misha Krepon** and School Board Representative, **Nick Cannon**.



The Freshmen class officers: **Mohit Chopra**, **Scott Blitgen**, **Misha Krepon**, **Bridget Mallon**, **Nick Cannon**, and **Jamie Ryan**.

Students ran for office for many reasons. A S.C.A. or class government position would be a good accomplishment to be listed on a college application, perhaps to overcome shyness, and to show some freshman spirit.

Class president, **Mohit Chopra**, gave his opinion on how well the freshman class was doing and what they intended to achieve in the next four years. He said: "The freshmen class is working hard to raise money and establish pride for the next four years. Homecoming was a great success for us and the freshmen received second place in float and hall competitions. We hope to continue to work hard so that we will have even more success in the future." The president and the class of '99 have high hopes for the future.

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Alvarez, Edwin  
Alvarez, Elsy  
Alvarez, Roberto

Amaya, Wilber  
Anand, Shabeen  
Aparicio, Je  
Appiah, Delanyo  
Aranibar, Nimia  
Araujo, Orlando  
Argueta, William  
Arias, Ariel  
Arias, Hilda  
Arze, Sergio  
Atoighe, Frances

Avendano, Henry  
Avila, Victor  
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Barnes, Thoreau  
Barnes, Danielle  
Barzmehri, Homan

Beccera, Blanca  
Bell, Jason  
Benites, Emmanuel  
Berninger, Adam  
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Bhatta, Deepak  
Biggs, Jeremiah  
Bilal, Sobeia  
Bisrat, Yonathan  
Blitgen, Scott  
Bodo, Leah

Bonilla, Cesar  
Bortle, Camile  
Boston, Brandon  
Brady, Jacob  
Brewster, Reginal  
Bui, Nam  
Bun, Theary  
Burch, Scott  
Cabrera, Maria  
Campbell, Casey  
Campos, Elizabeth

Cannon, Nicholas  
Cantor, Otto  
Cardenas, Isabel  
Cardozo, Alexander  
Castellon, Jorge  
Cerna, Oscar  
Chavez, Irma  
Chevez, Ronal  
Chopra, Mohit  
Clardy, Jennifer  
Cabamubias, Norca







*"I felt so lost the first day of school,  
but with the help of the Freshmen  
Connection I felt much better."  
--Rachel Tolliver*



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Coles, Regina  
Contreras, Marcos  
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Cruz, Maria  
Cruz, Sara  
Cuentas, Carla  
Dagnew, Tigist  
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Davis, Toyre  
De Leon, Erika  
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Edwards, Julia  
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ElKalibe, Hanane  
Ericksen, Hector  
Escalante, Mauricio

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Ferrufino, Juana  
Fleck, John  
Flint, Paul  
Flores, Alexandra  
Flowers, Eileen  
Flowers, Gareth

Fontaine, Matthew  
Franklin, Nathan  
Freed, Adrienne  
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Gerstein, Georgia  
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Golden, Julian  
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Gortenburg, Joseph  
Gricas, Casey  
Griffis, Courtney

Guenther, Aaron  
Guerra, Jennifer  
Guillen, Gary

Misha Krepon, Bridget Mallon, and Nick Cannon take a break from their long meeting to pose for the camera.

President Mohit Chopra shows off his talent at blowdrying the plaster used to build the Freshman float.





## "OFF TO A GOOD START"

Who would expect the freshman class to place in the hall decoration or float contests?

It was late one afternoon and the deadline for hall decorating was the following day. The freshmen Commons looked as bare as could be. Later on, the class of 1999 assembled in the hall and made plans that would yield victory. With the help of freshmen field hockey players, the class of '99 pulled off an awesome hall. The setting was created to match a cemetery. **Kelly Daugherty** shouted, in reference

to the Raiders (W-L's opponents), "Prepare to meet your doom." The freshmen took second place, right after the seniors!

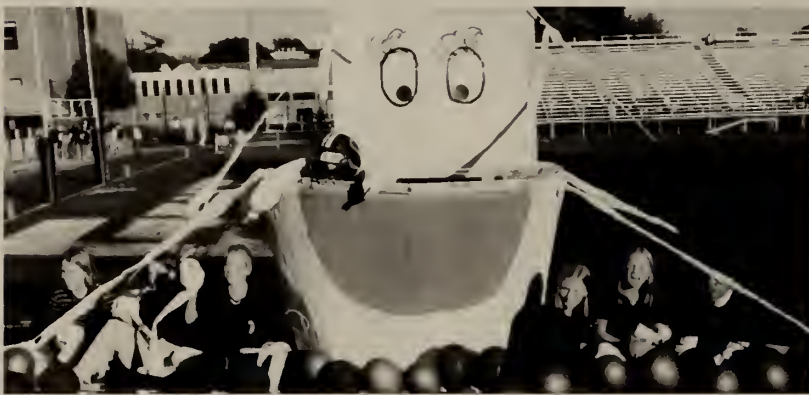
During the Homecoming game, the Freshmen revealed their creative float. Their float was a humongous toilet that made a flushing sound as the freshmen on the float screamed: "Flush the Raiders." The wonderful idea of a toilet earned the freshmen second place.

Oh, what a way to begin at W-L!



**James Sullivan** and **Elise Remington** hurry to paste a tree on the wall as the deadline approaches.

**Melissa Lloyd**, **Milgo Galaydh**, and **Elizabeth Valdes** work hard on making a tombstone.



Only the Freshmen could come up with the cool idea of a flushing toilet.

**Kelly Daugherty** screams for help when she finds her friend at the bottom of the stairs.







Guzman, Israel  
Guzman, Jessy  
Guzman, Robert  
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Haile, Jirra

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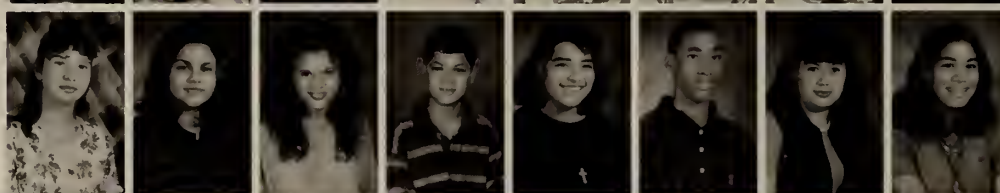
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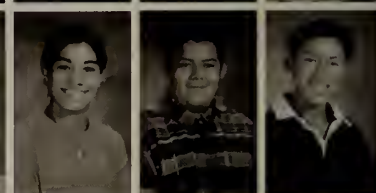
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Sarris, Minas  
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Schneider, Amy  
Schott, Joseph  
Segovia, Elea  
Sen, Samnang  
Serpas, Richard  
Severich, Carla  
Shakil, Mohammed





# OH, WHAT A BALL!

Homecoming was such an exciting time for the freshmen, and the excitement was unparalleled this year. With some shyness, the freshmen made their presence felt at the dance.

**Vannary So** said: "The W-L Homecoming was such a great experience that my friends and I enjoyed it very much."

The class of '99 was represented with four Homecoming attendants: **Peter Wagoner, Cynthia Pino, Jerome Odie, Cindy Reyes.**

When **Peter Wagoner** was asked about being an attendant he jokingly said, "It was an honor. No,

just playing... it was fun!" Freshmen spirit rose very high on the day of the game. As the rain poured on the field, Dr. Sharbaugh announced that the game would be postponed until the following day. Everybody was disappointed.

The football team pulled together and played hard. They had a great beginning, but unfortunately W-L lost to Stuart 41-6.

The freshmen will always remember their first homecoming. As they look back, their memories will remind them of the wonderful time they had at the W-L Homecoming in 1995.



**ott Blitgen** and **Melissa Hunter** are looking forward to having a good time on arrival at the Homecoming dance.

**Cindy Reyes** and **Jerome Odie** are excited about being in a hot, red Miata.



**Peter Wagoner** and **Cynthia Pino** are very glad to be this year's Freshmen Homecoming attendants.





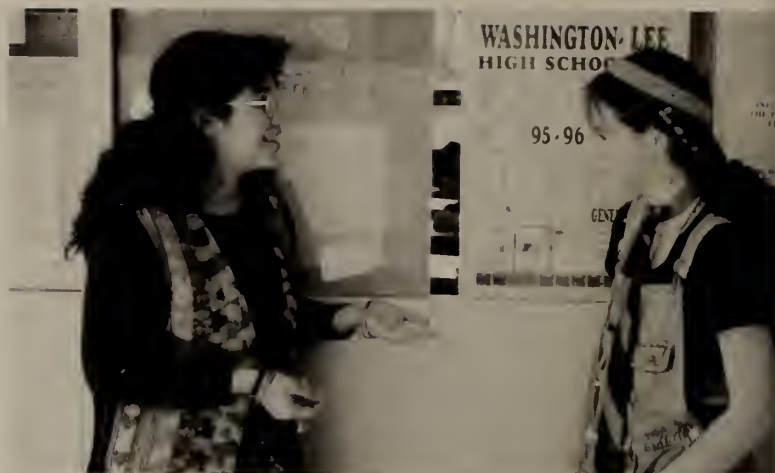
# SCHOOL SPIRIT: CRAZY OR COOL?

The freshmen had their own share in showing their spirit during Spirit Week. Those who had spirit went all out with their outrageous outfits.

On Monday it was Pajama Day. The freshmen came in their slippers, P.J.'s and also brought their stuffed animals. Tuesday was Black and White Day. Even though it was easy to throw together a white shirt and black jeans to wear to school, many preferred to come in regular clothes. What happened to school spirit? Crazy Day was on Wednesday. Only the Freshmen

who had spirit showed it all off on this day. They came in clothes that totally clashed but looked great all the same.

College Day was an easy thing for many Freshmen. All they had to do was grab a college sweat shirt or tee-shirt and put it on. And there you go! Friday, the last day of school spirit week, was Blue and Gray Day. Students wore clothes with Washington-Lee's traditional colors. **Nick Cannon** said, "Spirit Week was cool and fun."



**Paula Torres and Christi Demaria** explain how they chose their crazy outfits for Crazy Day. Well, one thing is for sure: they're a perfect fit!

## FRESHMEN SPIRIT

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Smith, Jason  
Smith, Jeffrey  
So, Vannary  
Soria, Marcela  
Sousa, Flora  
Stanley, Cinnamon  
Steinkamp, Nila

Sullaimani, Hakim  
Sullivan, James  
Sun, Many  
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**Wilmarie Rodriguez**, dressed up for Pajama Day, focuses on her key-boarding assignment.



**Henry Avendano, Wilberto Batista, Wilber Amaya, Scott Putnam, and Israel Guzman** show their school spirit by dressing up on Black and White Day.



**Misha Krepon, Dawn Mirro, and Georgia Gerstein** are telling one another how easy it was to jump right out of bed and come to school.

**Al Sutton** shows off his school spirit by wearing his favorite college sweatshirt on College Day..





# A WHOLE NEW WORLD...

Small lockers, school lunches, and no respect! These are some of the annual complaints that freshmen have. So, what's the beef?

High school was like entering a whole new world. With all the disadvantages that freshmen encountered there were many advantages to high school: more freedom, more friends, more choices, and more activities. The freshmen had a smooth transition and they assimilated very well into the high school environment. **Nick Cannon** expressed his feelings by saying, "I have more books and a lot of work, but it's all good." The Freshmen participated in most of the events

that were held at the school. They went to the football games, attended the homecoming dance, joined clubs, and like most were active in sports ranging from football to baseball and crew. **Misha Krepon** said, "If every year would be this cool, I wouldn't mind the idea that I still have three years to go."

Most of the freshmen liked **Mrs. Jeens** and they really enjoyed her class. **Jamie Ryan** said, "I hope that **Mrs. Jeens** did not find out that I once used my sister's homework from two years ago and put my name on it instead of hers". The freshmen proved themselves to the whole school and that's cool.



A group of Freshmen friends enjoy an afternoon on a trampoline.

**Fransisco Bonilla, Mohammed Shakil, and Michael Baldwin** enjoy a game of cards after finishing one of their creative paintings.



**Georgia Gerstein and Bridget Mallon** express how close they have become during Freshman year.



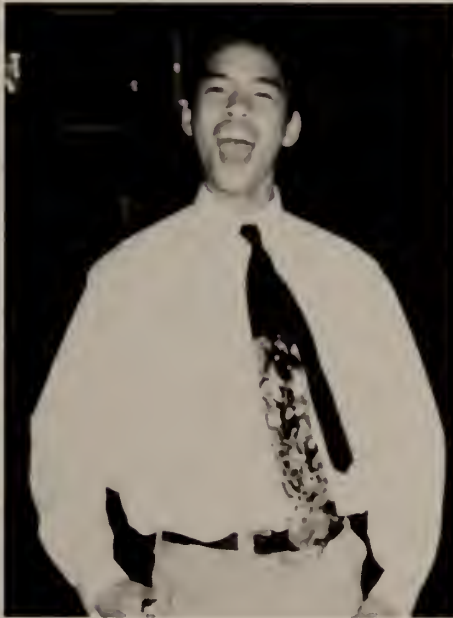




**Peter Wagoner** and **Trong Vila** are down to business when it comes to a science experiment.

**Nino Paraiso** gives the Homecoming dance thumbs up.

**Kelley Lloyd** and **Bridgette Mallon** take advantage of a sunny day to have lunch on a car in the parking lot.



**Paul Flint** expresses himself by making a fashion statement.

**Vannary So** is trying to catch up on some French homework before the bell rings.





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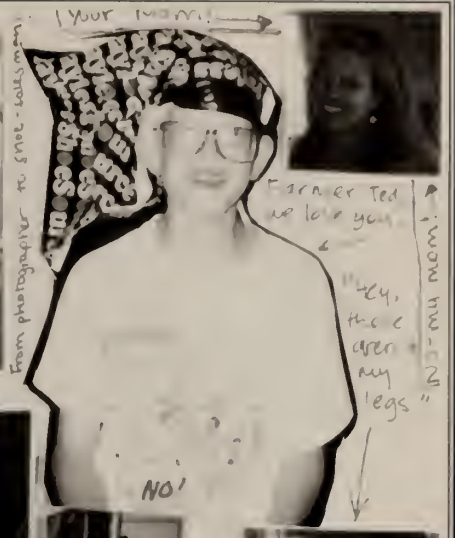




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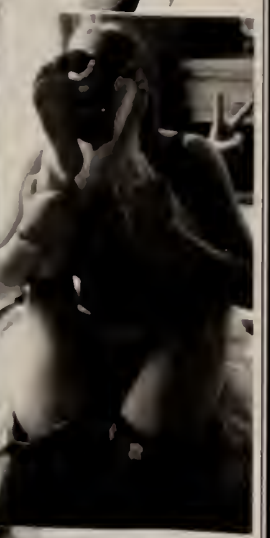
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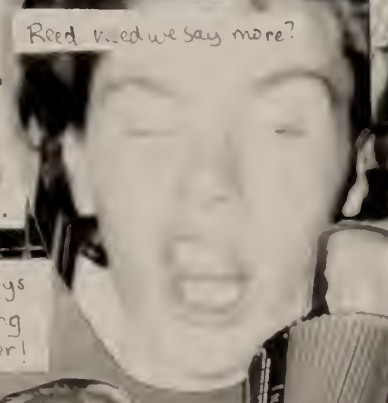


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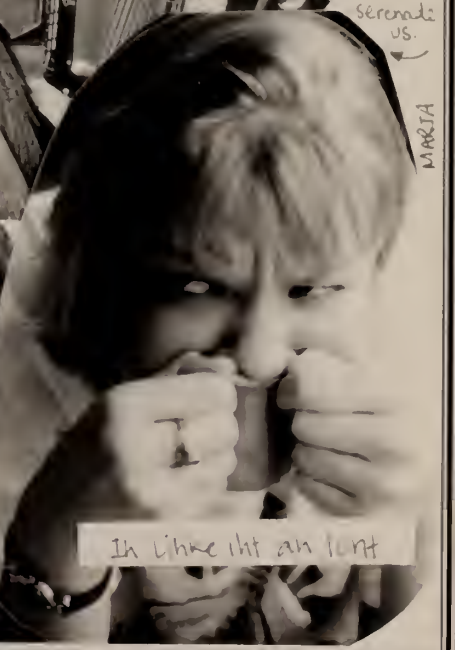
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 and may God con-  
 tinue to bless you  
 with success and  
 happiness always!!

Love Mom &  
 Dad







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 is already a dream  
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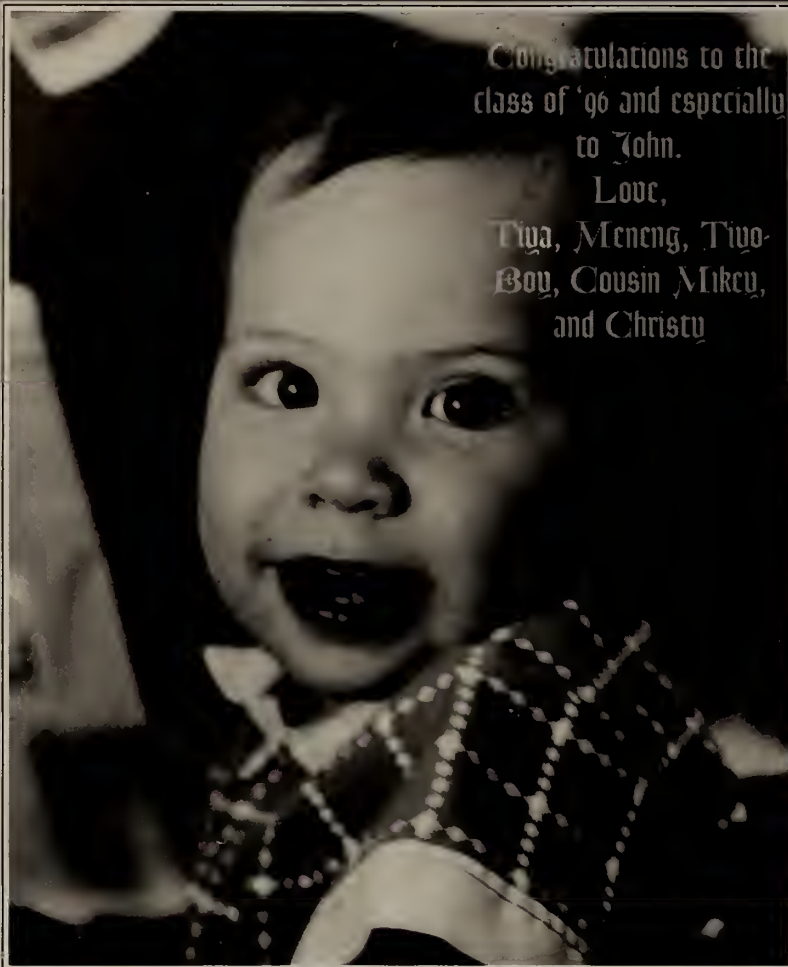
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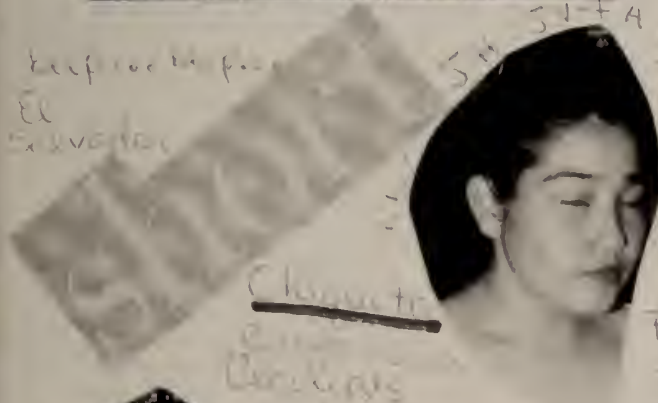
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Keep rockin' it  
El Salvador



&



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moved!  
Sweet



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Cruz  
Bridget  
Syl  
Woodbridge  
85 mph  
Amy Dayson  
Vicki  
Mama  
Saint Peter

Follows  
-4-  
over

libra

tough  
but tender

capricorn



Follows  
-4-  
over

It's  
party  
time!



Isn't  
that  
cute?



Young  
man!



Young  
man!

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Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it. Winston Churchill  
 "One cannot consent to creep when one feels the urge to soar." Helen Keller  
 "I have no special gift. I am only intensely curious." Albert Einstein

So here we are, at the end  
 About to leave, all whom we call friends  
 And I have to wonder about missing you  
 Now that it seems we are almost through  
 David, I will say, made freshman year fun  
 And I'm glad we're now friends like the way we'd begin  
 What about Sidd, a great friend, it's true  
 Who always made it all right, knew what to do  
 Sidd, my friend, I'll miss you much  
 Promise me we'll keep in touch  
 Whenever it seems a little too cold  
 Light a bright candle from a good friend of old  
 Kathy, through time we've had lots of fun  
 Remember always the things that we've done  
 Smile to yourself whenever you hear  
 Of a guy named "Shannon"—then run fast, keep clear  
 When you're in college, so far away  
 Catch a cute guy, and send him this way  
 Lu-Anh, Lu-Anh, my industrious friend  
 Who's always been there in the end  
 I still owe you for Ryan (heh-heh) no worries, no fear  
 But I'd like to have talked to him BI FOR! junior year  
 Don't ever question that I'll be there for you  
 You can always count on me, like I count on you  
 Nick, sit down and talk for a while  
 You always know how to make me smile  
 What I wouldn't do to help those puppy dog eyes  
 Ten little dollars wasn't much of a price  
 I know you've tormented me, I know I've been teased  
 But someone making me laugh is just what I need  
 Take care of yourself, wherever you go  
 No more lockers, no more plans, I'm sad to see them go  
 Bryson, Bryson, my very dear friend  
 AP Physics will finally end  
 But I will always carry around with me  
 Long conversations with no point I could see  
 Have fun at West Point, have a small care  
 I want a picture when they shave off your hair  
 You'd better write, if you don't it's a snap  
 To simply have Peter point and say "ZAP"  
 And Peter, well, what can I say,  
 Except "Pentagram, yes I took Pi and have a nice day"  
 You seem to believe I'm evil of sorts  
 Don't worry, my magic is usually my last resort  
 I've of newt, toe of frog, the answer is "Q times log"  
 NO MORE BUS TRIPS WITH BOOKS WIDE OPEN  
 No more quizzes with people hoping  
 Everyone else, the quiz would fail  
 So that their grade in comparison wouldn't pale  
 Thanks everyone for help through long problem sets  
 Don't worry Mr. Mac, we'll get you vet!  
 Melissa, so sweet, so kind  
 I know a lot weighs on your mind  
 But I hope our friendship has made you smile  
 It brightens my day more than once in a while  
 So we never took those pictures-- I think it's ok  
 We'll carry them inside us anyway  
 Faye, my co-editor, what a year it's been  
 Crazy, who me? No, just somewhat insane  
 We yelled, we screamed, we lost our voice  
 Sometimes it seemed like we had no choice  
 The result, I hope, something of which we'll be proud  
 Something which stands out above the crowd  
 You'd hit Tony, and I'd punch Pat  
 And they'd both wonder "What's up with that?"  
 But it was something we couldn't explain  
 Just something to keep us from going insane  
 Good luck, good life, good wishes, good health  
 Whatever you do, I know you'll do well  
 I'm winding down, getting to the end  
 It's impossible to say something to each person I call friend  
 Chris O, good luck as Mr. Mom  
 Whit, keep on rowing along  
 Laura, be sure to send me your Broadway reviews  
 Mike, I'll watch for you on the Olympic news  
 Amanda, keep on playing hearts  
 Ryan, I'll watch for your works of art

I W R D S E o n m e m o r y

James, always keep on arguing with me  
 Though I'm fairly sure that we'll never agree  
 Leslie, without you, there'd've been no broom girl  
 Keep on with your laughing, brighten our world  
 Ann, keep on smiling, just like you should  
 Andre, keep on crusading for good  
 Irie C, thanks for the pens  
 Over and over and over again  
 Jenn, I don't think your name I'll ever spell right  
 Though I've tried and tried with all of my might  
 Sophomore year, we'll always have  
 Remember me with a smile through good times and too  
 I'll miss all you guys and many people more  
 And I'm taking with me memories galore  
 Don't worry about me when it's said and done  
 I've really had quite my share of fun  
 What? Did someone say last post? See you

Q & C Kate, Zakyon, Ajan  
 "RUZH"







Well, here we are, yet another year gone by. So many memories behind us, so many more to come. Who would've thought that such an idiot could have brought us together??

Our memories...so many people and places...We'll never forget our first night of freedom after a crew season- Murad's b-day party: "What did I poured on my head?"/Our weekend without mommies: "Kate, they're here...What do I do?"/Are you still sweatin'/Freezing nights at Woodmont/ in the woods with Rob at Nationals/ Christine Stuart's house-you saved me from hooking-up with Eliot.

Then, of course, there was the Summer of 1995!! Our greatest days with Murad-& all his psycho girlfriends/driving him & Dawn home after seeing "Clueless" for the millionth time/Dead Show '95-"Kate are you okay?!?" "Get this stupid thing out of my arm!!!" "Renee, stop crying!!" And...where was Murad???/Neil, are you sure this will stay

Hey, Renee, do you want to learn spades?/"Don Juan DeMarco"-Were you even alive? Yeah, I was just sleeping/Al's house- I wonder what's in this wooden box/"Kate, this isn't your house, this is Pentagon City!!!" "Renee, did I throw my keys out the window?" "How do I get out of here?" "Hang on, let me throw these cans out the window."/Remember the Camel Pack- "Where would you rather be, Kate?...Well, I'd rather be here."/Who were those 40 year olds we were chillin' with at Woodmont?/How many times did we go to Pentagon City?/Kate-who let the cat out?

And, of course, how could we forget all our times this year?...Dance parties in Jason's room/the first day of school/Hot Potato/Our day off for the Million Man March- Kate, Renee, and Flori playing hot potato on the floor/tthe Econo Lodge/ Homecoming '95/ "Renee, the hood goes in the back!"/Chris talking too loud in McLean/ "Sealed Sweet"/ Renee's purple play-doh bug/ hooking-up with K.C.(the dog)/Murad always being late/his 3 door car.

The places we -the vine, the park by school, windy run, woodmont, hayes, Christian's park, & John's house have brought us so many memories (too blurry to remember). Morgan's ID was a blessing to us all.

We would also like to thank all of those who have helped us along the way, especially those left standing after the dust all settled...Eric, Matt, Chris, Florence, Josh, Rey, Carlos, Bruce, Christian, Neil, Phil, Tony, P.T., Michel, Dung, Sam, Tim, Dan, Jesse, Leland, and John. A special message out to Murad-please know that where ever you are you will always have a place in our hearts. Take care.

Well, thanks for listening. Lots of love,

40's

CREW

Jerry too!

Kate

Who are Matt  
and Tony?

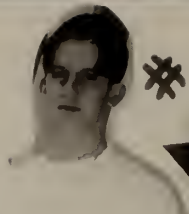




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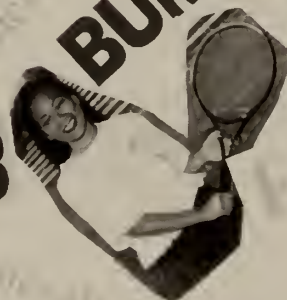


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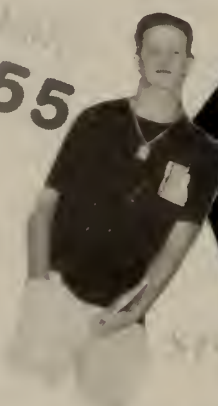
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A last good-bye?

COLLEGE

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THE HARDER IT WORKS



StEVE

Party  
time



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GEORGE





Don't pretend you don't know us

The party can start-Bad Girlz have arrived

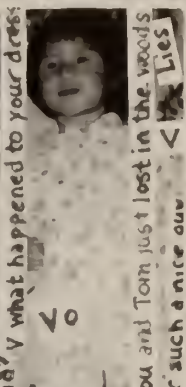


Gab does A look good yet

Unstoppable Mercedes



formation



V-I died three times & noone helped-F

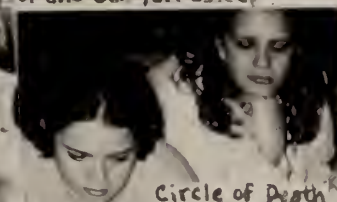
Gomer

I can't move my hands

Fetta you got 53 on st?V

So guys-what happens after Mel and Gab fall asleep?

I've got a calling card



Silver Jeep

Solander Pheel

Pony boy

Circle of Death You straight to drive-dude

Bad Girlz are always together- I've built my life around you

So- what do you think about Casey's hair?



66 hill V ME

Crystal- I feel like a C.H

The old Clique V M F G J T K S R

Power bracelets

Sumo wrestling at the vines



There are two type's of people in this world regular girls and then the

# BAD GIRLZ

Need a porch

Let me know if you want to come and 20 of my closest friends



GTC

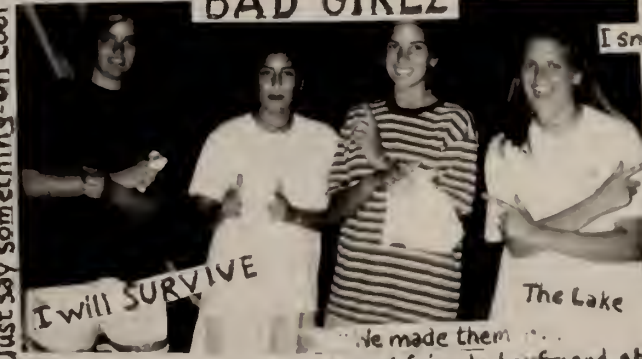
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Mad Love Reality Bites  
Singles & Dream relationships

Scared of people opening car doors

Members of the u-turn  
Just say something- Oh Cool

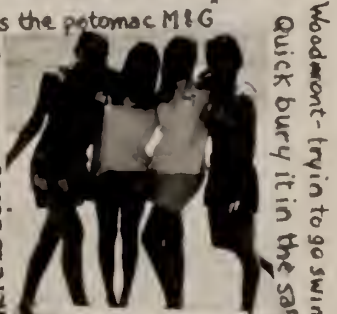


I WILL SURVIVE

The Lake

I smell the beach- there's the boy bridge- V

That's the potomac M & G



Woodmont- tryin to go swimming  
Quick bury it in the sand

New York

perfect moment

Deep talks  
Dance Parties  
Friday skip days

Hotel Villanueva

Adam's Fruit Market- Gab Knows about that

Boywatch My 2 Dads- V & G



Corki

V.F.Nee Kris  
Carter Rock



1-800-my best friends boyfriend abuses me

Are you all here to beat someone up?

Summer parties  
with Mel's mom

Oyster roast  
Blame it all on J&M-V  
I'll flip a coin  
You love the circle



Mort

really didn't think about Josh much



Fo

I am like the turtle and the hare  
Back stole my Coca Cola-M  
Lori- want some chocolate with that



Lubber Runs unforgettable Bridges V & M

Adult parties Cool Girlz

Don't let the candle go out  
Head over feet- M & G

So happy together  
David fan club



THOP breakfast  
Head over feet- M & G



It may not be forever- it may not last for life- but every single perfect moment









# Triple Plays



Vanessa, pick us up in your Honda. And diss Tony!! Hurry up GIRL!

KISS Jeffery

Vanessa STOP & Think!

!NO!

IDENTITY CRISIS

=96"

vibe slams

TRIPLE THREAT

OK

Little Brothers

Baby Jamila

Cindy

Veronica

So Jamila who's it?

Vanessa's so called SON!

no big deal!

To unavoidable.

!Duh!

girls' night out

Where are we rollin' Jamila?

Rosa's cute Brother (Rene)

Angels

Chillin'

Street smart & Book smart

What if Rosa wasn't picky?

Get up VANESSA

COTTON BALL

VER STOP CHEESIN'

Bookers

GIRL I Know

A FINE MESS

we aren't clueless, we're out of date!! What if Vanessa didn't flirt?







FAYE

Claudia

Surprise! I brought you around. I guess I could start off with all that generic stuff about how it's been four long years but you made it. And now, it's time for you to conquer the world and really shine. Yeah, I guess I could, but why be generic? Honestly, the only reason why I even wanted to do this, is because I could never just sit down in front of you and go off on how proud of you I am for the person you've become. Claudia, you have done so much and come so far throughout your high school years. And you did it yourself. (Despite that senior superlatively) I spent so much of my life wanting you to look up to me all the time, because I figured that it was my job as the older sister to be a role model. You'll never have any idea of how much I used to worry about you your first year at W-L. I remembered how scary my freshman year there was, and I wanted nothing more than to protect you. Except I realize that I never stopped worrying about you as you became a sophomore, junior, senior, and now. Well now, you did it Claud. Even though high school is through.

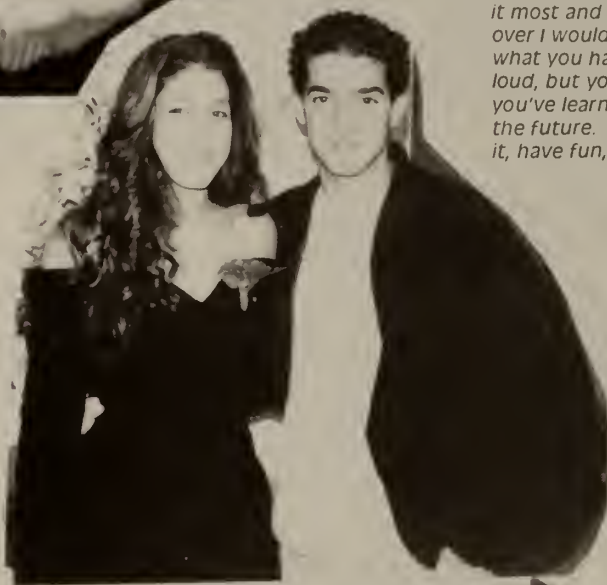
I'm going to take full advantage of this chance to apologize to you for all the times I totally over did it with trying to act like mom. I am sorry. Needless to say, I did it because I love and care about you so much. O.k. this is getting kind of cheesy but Claudia, it's true. You possess so many incredible traits. #1 Courage. I remember the day you walked in the door and told us you were going to do crew. I thought you were nuts, and I didn't understand why you didn't want to play soccer instead. You went out to a limb and did something you had never done before. #2 Persistence. I know you've had trouble in a couple of classes, like Functions, but you stuck with it and showed that you can get an A in anything. #3 Dedication. Why else would anyone take on the huge responsibility of being a newspaper editor, if they weren't truly dedicated to their school? So what if it looks good on college applications. #4 Love. That's just the way it is Claud, you're a truly loveable person. I look at all the good friends you have and all the people that love and care so much about you. Whenever I describe you to my own friends, I just can't help but show off, and brag about you. You know that's true too. I hear "Yeah, my sister looks like a model, and she's going to VA." Sorry about that, but sometimes I just can't help it. The truth is that it doesn't matter where you go to school next year. Wherever you are, you'll succeed. I just know it. Generic. Naah. Claudia, remember to always look forward to what the future holds, because only you can make the most of what tomorrow's day will bring. Look back on these four years and smile on all that you've accomplished, but don't be afraid to keep smiling as the next best four years of your life approach. Bottom line Claud, I still want that chance to be your role model, but let me honestly tell you that in so many ways, thank God you have become one. Congratulations, and I love you. Cristina

T.O.

Faye,

It's been four years, hard to believe the time has gone by so fast. I remember when I was a senior and it was your first day at W-L, you asked to walk with me and my friends because you didn't know anybody. Well as time went on, you met more people and made new friends, some good, some not so good. You lived for the good times, hung in through the rough times, and experienced a part of life that you'll never forget. As you grew and learned, you slowly broke out of your little shy shell and blossomed into the Faye we all know and love. Faye, I'm proud of all you've done for yourself, and so much that you've done by yourself. I'm thankful for you hanging in there for me when I need it most and if I were to do the whole high school thing over I would do it more like you, take advantage of what you have, and make the best of it. Maybe not as loud, but you did it... and did it well. Take what you've learned and apply it in everything you do in the future. Good luck in college, make the best of it, have fun, and always know I love ya!!

-Charlie



CLAUDIA



WE  
♥  
YOU!

Love,  
Charlie  
+  
Cristina







**CONGRATULATIONS, JESS!**

**LOVE, MOM AND DAD**





**JESS:** Where do I start? I can't possibly recap every single memory but somehow, I don't think I need to. From hot pink skirts that twirl and blue porcelain boots from Portugal to Beach Week and our twisted episode of 90210. You've changed from the short haired girl with freckles in Mrs. Bonners class to the beautiful person that I've come to know and love. Back then, senior year seemed so far away and now it's as if we've come to the end of a long road and now it's time to turn our separate ways. Hopefully, you will realize that it isn't the end... only the beginning, and if you EVER need anything, I'll be right around the corner. They say a friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out. If the world ever walks out on you, you know who you can call. I LOVE YOU JESS!

p.s. I still don't know who Erika Nisher is

**FAYE:** Well, it's been an interesting four years. It seems like just yesterday we were sitting in Ms. Grimm's 9th grade P.E. class talking about Mike Kelly and Joel Bell. It's weird to think about how much things have changed since then, but luckily they've been for the better. There was a while there when I didn't think we were gonna make it. I know I never really said it but, I'm sorry I almost let some really petty things ruin our friendship. I'm glad we found out who our real friends are. Someone once said that a true friend thinks of you when all others are only thinking of themselves... they must've known that that true friend was you.

I LOVE YOU FAYE!

To everyone who's made my high school years a little more memorable. THANKS! I love you and will miss you all. Congratulations Class of '96!

**CLAUD-**

Sixth grade is where it all started: you were the new girl in town. Not long after you arrived at Ashlawn and fit in as if you had been there all along. Soon enough, you even had a boyfriend (K.M.), who saw (as the rest of us did), the sweet person you were, and still are. Claud, little did we both know, that your first year at Ashlawn would mark the beginning of a beautiful friendship. Remember the time we snuck out with F.B. and got caught? Whoops! Or maybe your 16th B-day party-Hungarian Connections? What about our Ritual? "Ooh baby baby, it's a wild world!" Beeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee! Belching as loud as we can. The past few years have been a real learning experience about who, or rather what real friends are. You Claudia, are a real friend, and a genuine person. Trust me when I say that you're one of a kind. Your hard work, dedication, and honesty are only a few of the qualities which I admire you for. Never lose those, but continue to be a leader in whatever you may do in life. Just never forget there is someone out there who is following. This is what you have shown me throughout the years, and it will remain close to my heart forever. I Love You!

Faye

**JESS-**

Who would have thought back when we met our Freshman year that I'd be calling you my sister for life. I never thought that popping that blackhead on my nose would have brought us so close together. Well, Jess, it did and 4 years later so did many other memories to go along with it. Remember that football game and what you introduced me to under those bleachers? Or how about that time we went running through the streets while the poured like it was never going to end. You can't forget our faithful puppies Mike and Mark down in FLA, now can ya. What about Demetrios and all his corny little jokes? Midnight strolls on the beach, Random Hook-Ups, and those we always come back to cause we love em. Jess, these are only a few of the many memories we shared together. I can't even begin to tell you what you mean to me. I guess if I were to sum it up in one word, I'd have to say "everything." You've been there for me through thick and thin, and I'll never forget that. You've taught me the meaning of Love, Persistence, and True Friendship. That is a lesson that can only be taught by someone who possesses those traits, and who models them well. You Jess, are that person. never change. I Love You.

-Faye

"The way to love anything is to realize it might be lost."

-G.K. Chesterton

"A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you today just the way you are"

**Faye**

I would say that we have seen it all: the tears (D.B., B.S. need I say more?), the fights, the falls (on ice), and best of all, the laughs (attacking each other and "busting down the hallways"). M.K., C.M. whassup? "Here's a hand-turkey that I drew all by myself: 'Happy Thanksgiving!'" Why did you and D.S. spill a Coke in my kitchen? S.L. "We're in G-town, can you come pick us up?" Too bad our dinner date for Homecoming '94 didn't work out, but we made up for it. "Ronnie, I love you!" FLORIDA! N.C.'s on the balcony. "Oh no, the trash men are coming!" "Mike Mark... wait-who's who?" "Tryin' to go to Kentucky? How bout Ohio?" Thanks again for running back from Page with me. Oh, and nice club we went to, pretty unusual atmosphere. And about your dream, don't give up, you know how we always say: "If it's meant to be..." Well Fanoula, my fellow-fuzzy-maned-hest-friend, I love you to death, and no matter what happens, please don't forget that. Someone once said "No one can ever make you feel inferior without your consent" so, don't ever let the bad girls, teachers, or anyone let you feel the way that Claud and I have always said that you're not. I love you

**Claud**

It all began with Long Branch. "I can't believe you wrote in my yearbook!" Drama- "Isn't your name Jessica Eberhart?" "Do you like M.K.?" BOW PAIR! ha, ha. "Wait, do we even have a class 6th period? No? Then, let's go to Bluemont, then crew!" "G-can I borrow your car to take me home?" O.J. for lunch-liquid diet, right? "Where's my wallet?" Did it fall out while you attempted to slam dunk? Maybe it got sucked up in your Hoover vacuum cleaner. "I have a really good secret..." Who's Erika Nisher? Is she in Mr. Walden's Astronomy class? "You've got a 4-wheel drive, head straight for the block of...ice!" "Hey, where are all of our friends?" Beach Week: "Claud don't cry, you have to be happy, look at me- my eyelashes!" "Can you believe we're on our own for the weekend?" We got the keys, got the car towed, and went to many orientation. In the future, stay away from the A's 'cause they definitely have not been good for you! I really mean it when I say that we "have been through it all." We went for months not knowing much except that we were there for each other. Thing is, not much else mattered. I love you.

**CLAUD**

**JESS**

**FAYE**

Who says nothing lasts forever?









# Jamie Fitzgerald & Beth Poplin



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DAD, MOM, and ALEX





RAYMOND

# Raymond

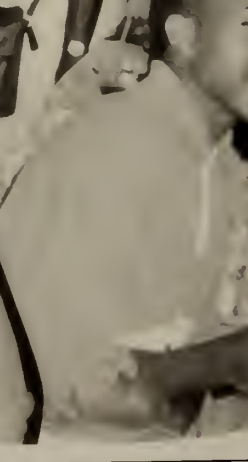
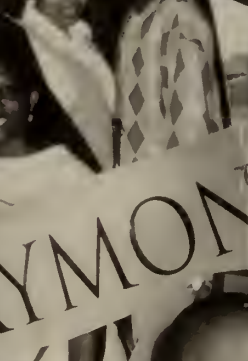
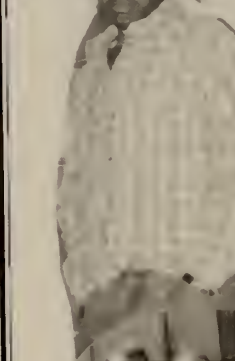
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RAYMOND

Dear Raymond,

*Congratulation, by the Grace of God you have made it to one of your highest challenges. You have always put God first. With God by your side as, your Co-Pilot, you will be able to reach any goal you go for. May God continue to bless you always.*

Love Always,  
Your Family





Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends

Some people come into our lives and quietly go... others stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same.

Friendship



To a friend's house, the road is never long.

with love From E. and M.'s Moms

Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends Friends





This ad is dedicated to any and all members of "the group."

## To the Seniors of 1996

DAVID S. - Freshman P.E. and English, lifesaving and ERF Star Wars, Star Trek, Tom Sampson and the RPG that never happened... the story that did. ERIN-KKATC! and sophomore psychology... fellow earth-friendly feminists forever. OMAR-Taran-tara and choir. School spirit and song... Keep singing. AMANDA- Mrs. Southard and TI-82's. Nooooo!!!

## To the underclassmen of 1996

TATE-my confidant, Hello Nurse! locker partners, remaining neutral forever. Soda machine electrician... all for a Coke. Race, love, and your own bathroom. MARIE-begging and complaining about guys, shameless flirting, Mr. Walden at inopportune times... STEVE-Sociology and Mr. Schelstrate. I AM meetings and Access Denied... administrators at inopportune times...

JARED-They Might Be Giants and Spades. Magic cards and Mel Brooks. Blockbuster and ERF. FRANKIE-our only fresh man. It's up to you to continue our legacy of insanity. DAVID H.-choir, jazz, and bike rides. Pirates and Fall football.



## The Star Wars Bunch:

Becky, Cindy, Jenn, Marisol, Matt, Tom. Where would we be without you?

Alone, most likely.

What would have happened if even one of you had 2nd lunch in '92-'93?

We miss you all!!!

BECKY-forever bouncing and speaking Latin...

CINDY-flannel shirts and smiles...

JENN-School spirit and bad ties to the end...

MARISOL-full of love, laughter, and song...

MATT-Akira and Arizona...

TOM-fun and flirting forever...



"If no ledge has flowers than nine goobs were miiie iiiiine" ← for you, Claire.

(PARENTHESES!!!)

"Taran-tara!"

"Yes, we're the pirates-how's our hair?"

"Small, independant, land-owning, freedom-loving, self-sufficient farmers."

"Actual footage!"

"Not until Tuesday" ← sorry, Jared. "I L.A.W.P."

"Bing!" "Bong!" "Blue moon!"

Interview, Lion King, Johnny Mnemonic, Hackers

Mountain Dew, cherry Coke, and Dr. Pepper Enterprise, X-Wing, Milenium Falcon, Voyager

## Top ten phrases

10. Don't swear... it's bad.

9. Poof! Be gone.

8. Do you hate me?

7. This is a soap opera!

6. Wait! I know where we are!

5. But I can't get home from here!

4. KKMTM!

3. I feel like the group's psychologist.

2. You're it!

1. DOH!!!

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## What if...

We actually won a football game?

There was no music program at W-L?

Omar didn't like 90210?

There were no Walden bucks?

Marisol & Christy didn't like vampires?

None of us liked Star Trek?

Jared and Steve weren't best friends?

There was no such thing as caffeine?

Becky didn't have a closet?

Sparky didn't mysteriously disappear last year?

The Star Wars Bunch never met?

Erin wasn't a feminist?

Tom didn't flirt?

Marie didn't flirt?

If any Eppes didn't flirt?

Jenn hated W-L?

None of us had heard of the Pack?

Tate went out with her nurse?

None of us could play spades?

None of us could play ERF?

Sodas still cost 50¢?

We never hated each other...?



Everyone... My four years at W-L have been the best of my life. I attribute this almost entirely to you, my friends. Without you I couldn't have survived the hard times and would not have enjoyed the good. There will be a special place for you in my heart, always.  
♥Andi







A toast to you,  
Jordan...

L'Chaim, Santé,  
To life, to health,  
to happiness.

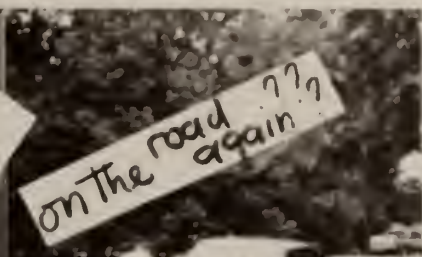
With love,  
Mom, Dad, & Beth



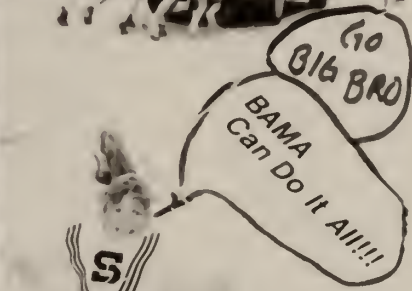




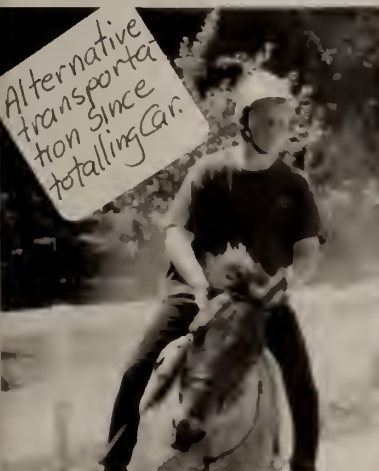




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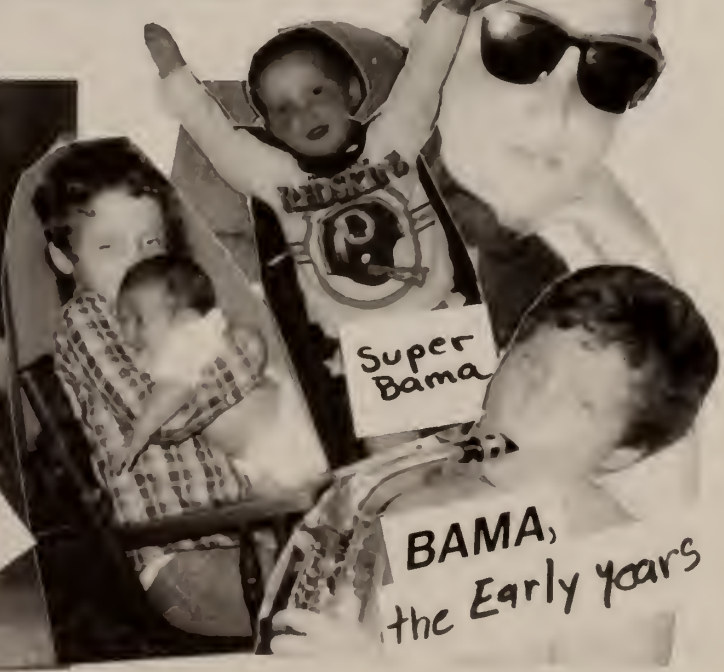
Our Little LEO



Christian,  
It has been written "the child is father of the man."  
You were a Wonderful, Noble, Bright, Compassionate and  
Confident child. And you are fastly becoming that kind of man.  
We Love You, Son.  
Mom and Dad




Kramer's Crew - Part 2





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Love

Gabrielle  
We love you  
Reach for the star  
of your life  
Love Mom, Rugaa  
Ria, Danielle & Nicole





KRISTY

"I trust that even when I'm out of sight I'm not out of mind"

ELYSIA

"If you're ever unsatisfied with the way life's treating you... you know you can count on me to take good care of you"  
-PHISH

"I love you the best - better than all the rest."  
-Jim

CHRISTINE

and the broom in the back

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NEBS

Noah....

CHUMP

What are you talking about?

Another Realm

First of the month

It's only 8:00 o'clock

10 by Graduation - What? (JD & JJ)

It's OK, I'm 18

Hat's off to Swartz!

RIP

Smiley

Jerry

Jerry LX

Gene

Stoopid

Greenhouse

Nature Walks

It tastes like chocolate milk

Never take a man's Lucky  
You can't handle the truth!

Jenny!

Glory Tours Inc.

B or D?

Man in the Tub

The Five Deadly Sins

1. Peanut Butter
2. Triscuits
3. Popcorn
4. Gum
5. Pretzels

It's allergies

The time we got hustled

You skipped me!

Has anybody seen Clerks?

Circle of Friends

Pimp Daddy

Williamsburg

Lunch bunch

HIM!

Monkey!

Do your Goldar

I feel like a Psychiatrist

Follow the creek,  
No, scale the wall

Dr. Jones  
ESP

Munchies

The never-ending Bag

The Beatles

Where it all Began

Oh God No!!

Jaco Bell- Party Foul

The Best of Budda

No way, Mr. Clean would KILL Tony the Tiger!

I'm Earl

Here's my theory

Greenhouse

Speaking in no known language







- + "Look at this year! It's so hot! And you will all go home!"  
- "I don't want to go to school today," he cried. "Let's get outta here, too!"







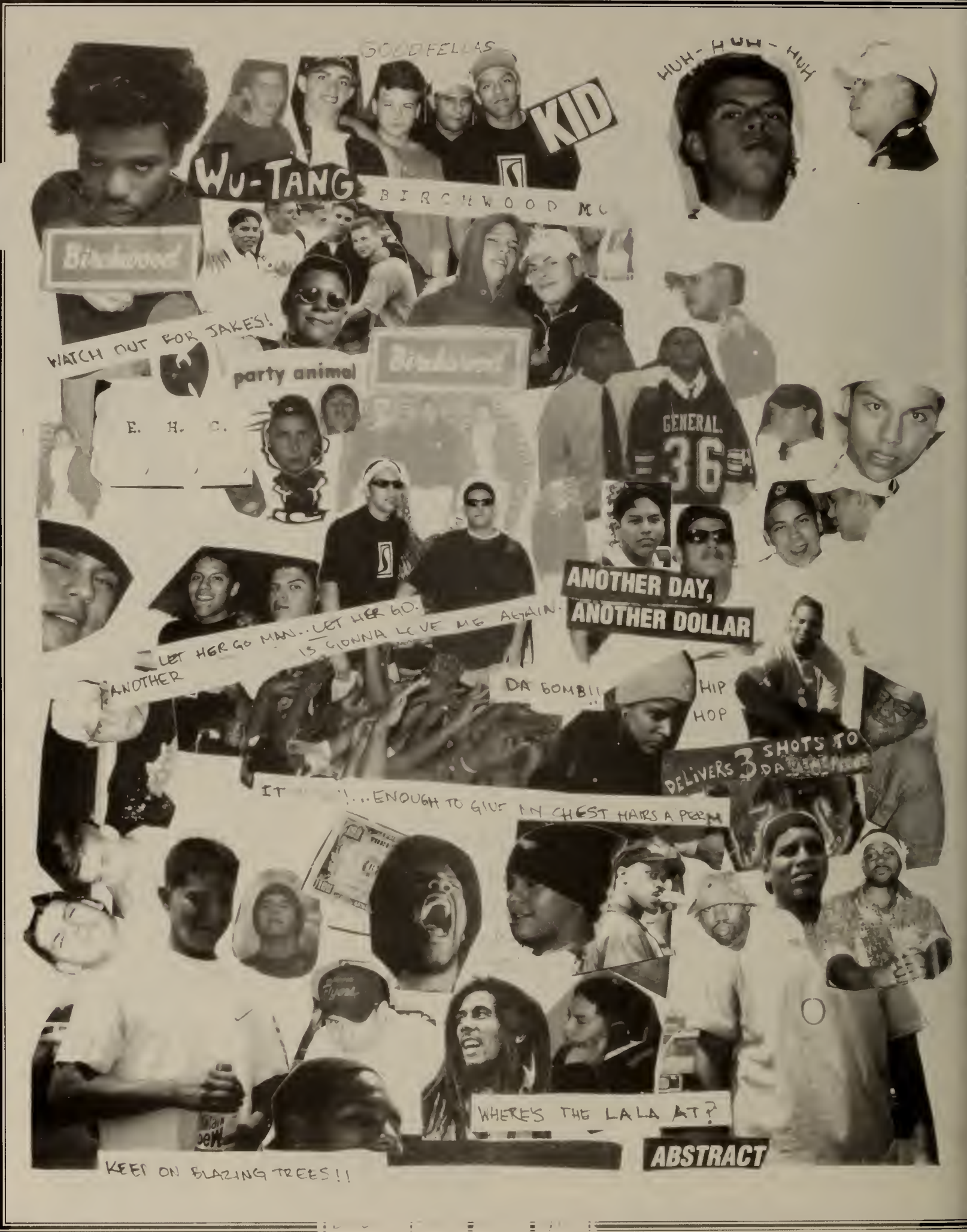
*Happiness is not a destination,  
but a manner of traveling.*

*Good Luck everybody!!!*

*Luv,  
Kathy*









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Z

What was his name? ARIZONA

GEEZ DENISHA, U HAD 7  
WAS? IN ONE NIGHT?  
IS II

"A GOOD CHEER CAN AROUSE THE CROWD"

SAN FRANCISCO

GERMANY

I think it started  
with an S.

WEEKEND I HAD A  
TRIP TO MOUNT HOLYOKE

PLYMOUTH SUNDANCE, ANYONE

CLUELESS

REWARD

96

TRACK

RIDING 'UM

WHATEVER

ARE YOU GOING TO THE WEST?

SENIORS

DENISHA

BETHANY

BETHANY

LET'S BRING BETHANY ALONG SO WE CAN ATTRACT SOME HOT GUYS.

"I'm just a girl!"

-No Doubt-



GUESS WHO KATY!!

MOUNT HOLYOKE

DENISHA DO YOU HAVE IT? YEH! YEH! I HAVE IT.

"GUY'S CAN I PLEASE HAVE ONE MORE" THERAPY









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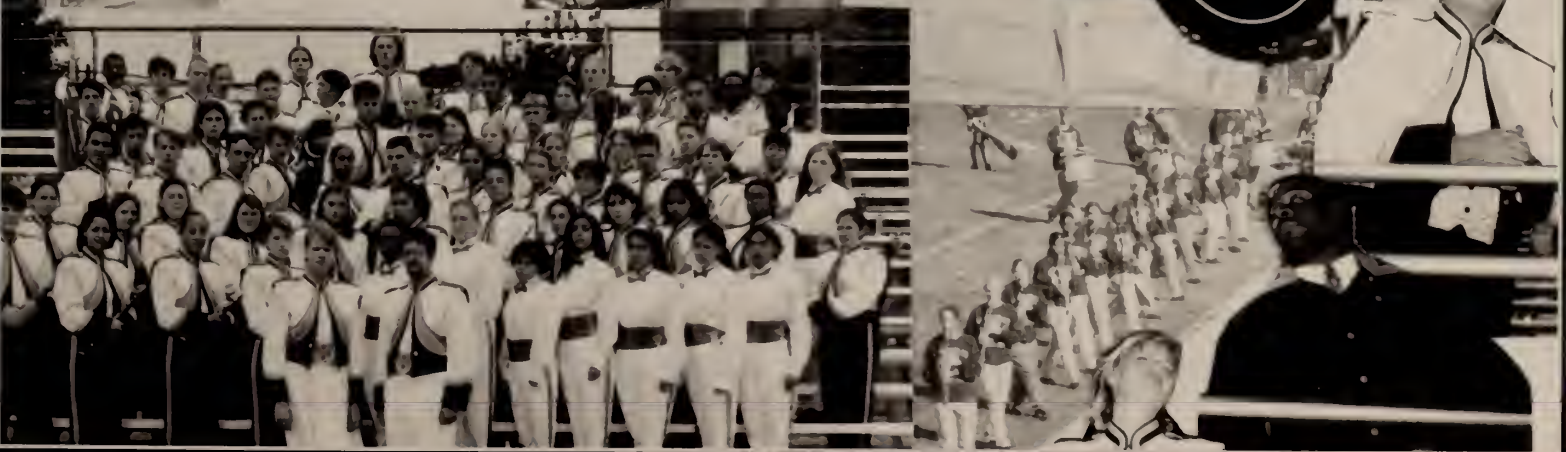
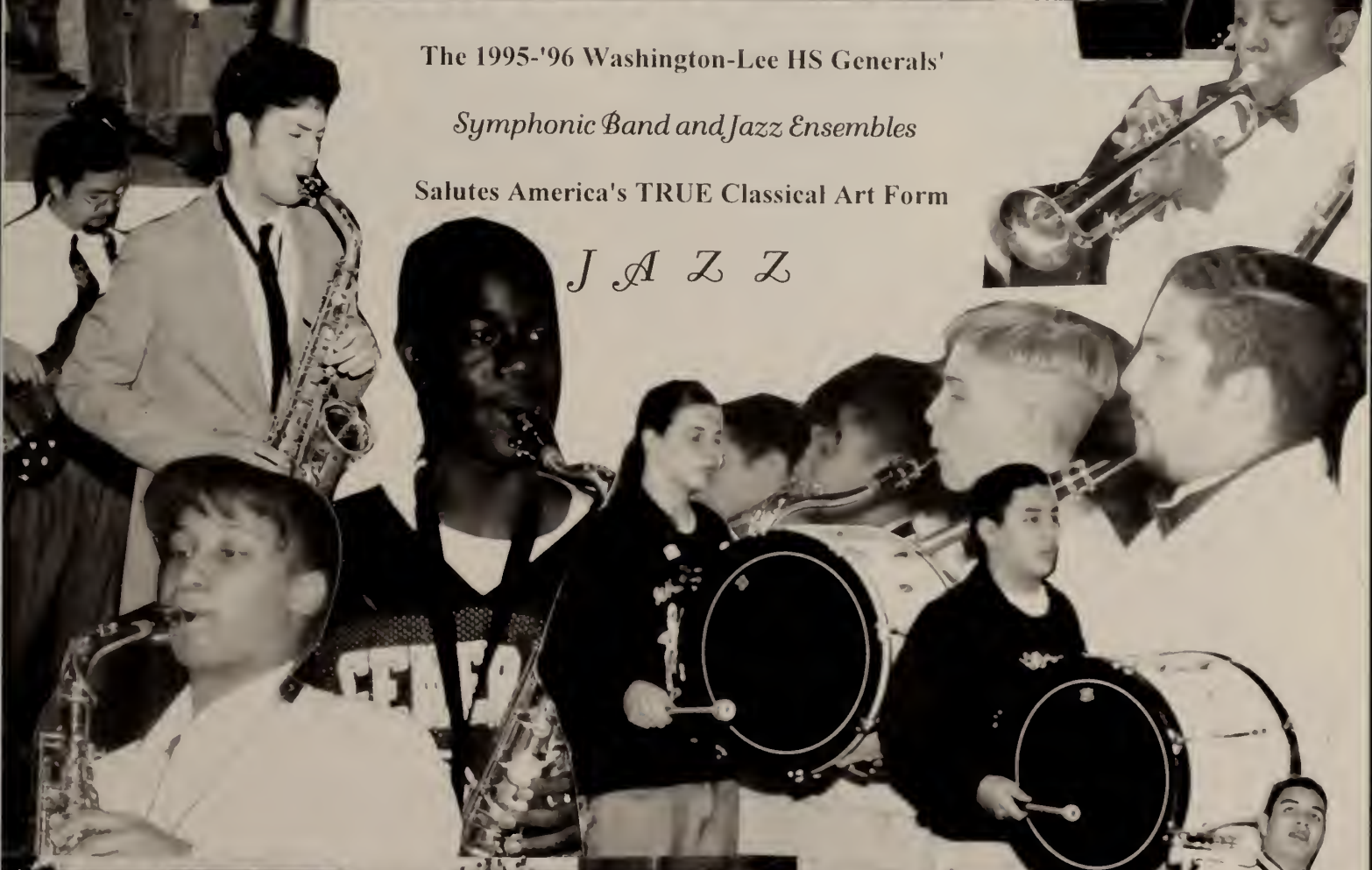


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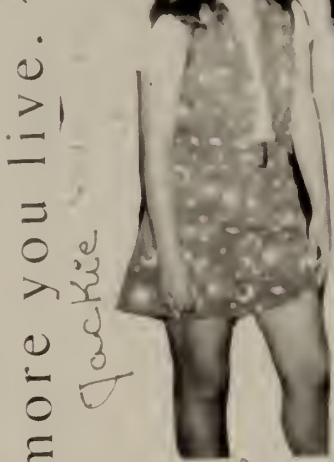
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CHICA  
the less you die.  
beach

complement your sensuality.

disregard

obvious  
"Angels"

Love  
HOME ALONE 3  
"Una Aventura Bonita... es mas Cheese"



Jackie



creativity

NISHA



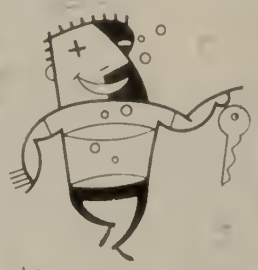
PLANET



1+1=?

ID: romantic, dreamy, optimistic

CRUGUAY  
take IDs  
You Make Me So Crazy  
Rage



MEMORIES

Asper



Libra

Snow White

Homecoming "95"  
Jasmine

Bubbu

6 ID: sensitive, introspective, mysterious  
You're my Teddy!  
Gemini Reveal

club night

express yourself

I LOVE YOU ALWAYS



friends

Heaven

Are we ready to move on  
SPID

Kissable lips

Hey Chicken

dare devils!!

MIND

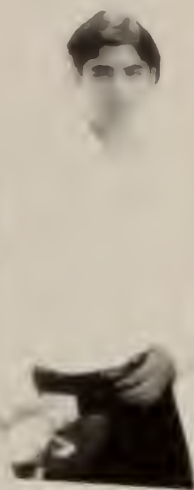
boy

fatima

bigas







Iw

MY NEPHEWS Antonio Barrios







# Andre

BASED ON A TRUE STORY





SO MUCH to BE GRATEFUL for

To be human is to feel all emotions

MIKE'S  
NEW  
TYRE

Lucky

can not perfect

California

MAPLE

Mike

**WACK!**

JOE

THE MINE!

↑ HOMELESS

NEIL

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*DANIEL BORDEN*

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-Aimee



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I Love You!  
Lisa



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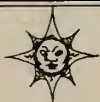
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Tony Valdivieso--for doing an out-  
standing job.*

*MRS. DAWSON*









# ERICA



## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

### WHATEVER



# RACHEL KINGS DOMINION

#### Monday

- Best Western
- swimming
- phone line
- Taco Bell
- oranges
- Dixie cups
- \$30.00
- "Owl!"
- "whos's who?"

"better to forget, but not hard to remember"

# KERRIE

#### What if?

- ...Rachel graduated next year
- ...Erica was not shy
- ...Monday night didn't happen
- ...Kerrie didn't meet \_\_\_\_
- ...Mike was on time
- ...We didn't go to Mike's
- ...Mike wasn't 22
- ...Erica didn't take ballet
- ...Rachel cheered
- ...Kerrie went to a game
- ...Erica could actually decide what she wanted
- ...We wore regular clothes
- ...Rachel didn't meet \_\_\_\_

#### Mike

- rides
- dinner
- movies
- house
- homecoming
- private party
- car wash
- cheerleading tapes
- Interview with the Vampire
- swimming

# MIKE

#### Summer

- Kings Dominion
- Camp Happyland
- Ron
- Texas
- Summer School
- phone messages
- spend money
- grounding
- sleeping
- Day Camp





Capricorn

It's where we've been

I.D.G.A.S.C. STAND OUT



Alme

GOOD FOR ONE TRIP

"WUZ UP"

THEN CAME THE FUN PART...



THEATER



HOUSE PARTY!

I HAVE A PH.D.



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THEN & NOW



wildest nights out

STYLE

LADRA



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Laura Harrington

Best Performance in a Television Movie or Miniseries



YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY



CRAZY! Lau

She's changed her taste in men. Hollywood's odd woman





"Bobsy Twins"

"To the Jeep's,  
Lexs, coops, Bemers  
and dia  
Benz"

"Love Ya  
Lisa"

Bugs

-N-

UnFuFu

"California  
Liv"

"Page me

No I'll  
page you"

"Kickin' it  
with  
L"

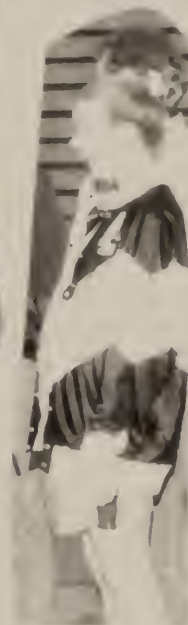


"forever"



T.J.

"HSIMS"



"Why u All up in my grill, sausage"



"SEXY"

CARAMELLO

Side by side or miles  
apart a friend like you  
stay. close to me heart



"Party at Lisa's"



"WHOP! WHOP!" "SNOW STORM"





# ABOUT THE EDITORS

Ruza Afram joined the year-book staff last year for the first time. She was a refreshing change, in comparison to other



Ruza's heading out for an evening on the town.

students, right from the beginning. In some instances I think it would be safe to say that she was somewhat amazing. Ruza not only learned yearbook principles quickly and easily, but she had a maturity about her that just doesn't exist in most teenagers today.

I would give her an assignment and not only was she ready with all four pieces of copy two days later, (which, by the way, was excellently written and needed

little or no revision) but she was anxious to go to the computer room to enter the data into the



A moment of relaxation.

computer the next day.

Ruza could be described as efficient, responsible and amicable and her leadership skills made me immediately realize that she would be a perfect candidate for Editor. Her classmates concurred and she was appointed.

Specific tasks that she was responsible for this year (along with the Co-Editor-in-Chief, Faye) included: selecting the theme for the yearbook; designing the cover of the yearbook; planning the ladder; assigning students to teams; selecting topics for feature stories,



calming Mrs. Dawson down at deadline time, etc., etc.

Although Ruza has managed to excel in school work in her four-year career here at W-L, she has been able to find the time to enjoy a very full, exciting life outside of school. Some of her favorite extra-curricular activities included her role of President of the Key Club, being a Senior Apprentice of the Tap and Jazz Company at the Arlington Dance Theater, and participating in the publication of the Penman Literary Magazine. In addition, she worked part-time as a Sales Associate for Ritz Cameras. In her

spare time you usually can find her reading, taking long, leisurely walks or beading jewelry. And finally, she enjoys traveling and has visited such places as Australia, Cyprus, England, Jordan, New Zealand, Spain and Switzerland.

I think we could all agree that with such a well-rounded background Ruza is well equipped to do an outstanding job in college and beyond. Her many contributions to Washington-Lee High School will always be remembered.

The job of editor of the yearbook is no easy task, I know. However, we appreciate you and wish you a prosperous future.



Customer service really suits Ruza's outgoing personality.



Ruza poses after a recital.

*"True ease in writing comes from art, not chance,  
As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance."*

**--Alexander Pope**





Faye Stylianios developed an interest for computers when she entered my computer keyboarding class in the ninth grade. I quickly discovered her high level of proficiency in keyboarding as she was always one of the first students to submit assignments to me, and I invited her to join my yearbook class. I knew she would definitely be a tremendous asset to me and other yearbook students.



Faye enjoys spending time with her brother Charlie.

She has been in yearbook class for three years. Upon entering the class, Faye learned the principles of 'how to do a yearbook' quickly because of her eagerness to learn,



Faye purchased a new car with her hard-earned money.

her ability to get along so well with others and her loyal attitude toward me

and other members of the yearbook class. The second year she was my personal business manager for the yearbook class (or should I say, "She was my right arm.")

As business manager, Faye had the awesome responsibility of entering all of the data relating to each

customer who purchased yearbooks and ads into two separate data bases (this was no easy task since it involves continually modifying the entered data); making deposits with W-L's treasurer, Mrs. Brown; sending form letters to communicate with customers concerning their accounts through-



out the school year and doing the ads section of the yearbook--which entailed collecting ads from students, designing ad borders and selecting the appropriate fonts for the text.

In her senior year Faye was assigned the position of Co-Editor-in-Chief. Prior to beginning this assignment, she attended a very intense training session with me in Lynchburg, Virginia. Classes were 8:30 a.m-9 p.m. daily for four days (students were only allowed free time to eat and sleep). I observed her the entire training session and, just as I expected, her performance and retention of information was

simply outstanding. As a result of the computer training she received by being a part of the "yearbook team"



Part of Faye's busy schedule includes rushing off to work.

Faye is now equipped to do extremely well in college and in the business world. She has been one of my most valuable student assistants.

What does Faye do in her leisure time? Well, although she puts in so many hours on her part-time job, she still finds time to exercise, roller blade, swim and just relax with close friends and brother, Charlie. She also enjoys traveling to visit family members in Florida, England and Cyprus.

Faye, I wish the very best of everything in your future. We appreciate the outstanding job you have done for the yearbook.



Faye (at age 16) with baby chick in Cyprus, July 1994.

*"The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it."*

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson





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